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Classroom hell as 378 pupils are suspended every week

By Marijke Cox

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A STAGGERING 378 pupils were suspended every week from Kent's schools last year, new Government figures have shown.

The shocking statistics released by the Department for Education also revealed that of the 12,285 fixed-period exclusions in 2009-10, and 180 permanent expulsions, a quarter of cases involved physical assault, verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against an adult.

In the county's secondary schools, 10,500 were temporarily excluded in the 39-week school year – more than 10 per cent of the school population – with 1,350 from primaries and 435 from special schools.

The number of pupils expelled in 2009-10 was 175 – four a week based on the school year – with 144 from secondary, 24 from primaries, and seven from special schools.

Schools minister Nick Gibb said he was concerned that weak discipline was a significant problem in too many schools and classrooms.

"Tackling poor behaviour and raising academic standards are key priorities for the Coalition Government," he said.

"We have already introduced a series of measures to put headteachers and teachers back in control of the classroom."

Despite an apparent drop in Kent of suspensions overall from 13,760 in 2008-09 to 12,285 in 2009-10, and 260 to 180 of expulsions over the same

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LEGAL BATTLE OVER SEA CADET'S DEATH

ACCIDENT: Jonathan Martin, 14, died after falling from a ship's rigging **SEE INSIDE**

EDUCATION

£2k sweetener to top students

STUDENTS who gain three A-grade A-levels will have £2,000 knocked off their £9,000 course fees by the University of Kent.

The deal to entice high-fliers is the first of its kind in the country and comes in the wake of the controversy over Coalition course-fee hikes. **PAGE 6**

RELIGION

Skinner makes Quidditch plea

STAND-UP comedy star Frank Skinner says religion needs to bring back a little Harry Potter mystery to win back believers.

He was speaking ahead of an event at Canterbury Cathedral when the Roman Catholic comic will be interviewed by the head of the Church of England Dr Rowan Williams. **PAGE 13**

SPORT

Scally shelves backer search

PROMOTION could be key for Gillingham off the pitch as well as on it this season if they are to stand a chance of attracting investment to take the club forward.

Gills chairman Paul Scally says he has stopped looking for external revenue until the club enjoys more success. **PAGE 83**



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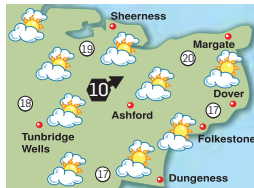
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Schools 'working hard to develop alternatives to exclusion'

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period, the latest Government figures do not include academies and non-maintained special schools.

These schools are run independently, out of local education authority control. Kent County Council's cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said it was pleasing to see a drop in exclusions.

"Across Kent, schools have been working hard to develop alternatives to exclusion," she said.

"These include developing the quality of teaching and learning, and the range and breadth of the curriculum.

"KCC is also helping to address the most frequent reason for exclusion, which is persistent disruptive behaviour.

"At the same time it is important to make sure that learning for the majority of pupils is not compromised by the behaviour of others."

Figures for Medway showed 2,475 pupils were temporarily excluded in 2009-10; 528 in primaries, 1,922 in secondaries and 25 from special schools. This made up almost six per cent of the school population. Statistics were not available for permanent exclusions.

Kent spokesman for the GMB union, Paul Maloney, told KoS that had academies and non-maintained special schools been taken into account in the Kent and Medway figures, exclusion numbers would have been much higher.

The figures showed there were 2,924 cases of physical assault or verbal abuse by pupils against adults in Kent – the highest figure in the South East.

Mr Maloney said the levels were appalling and called on headteachers and Government to do more to support frontline staff.

"The figures are going to double as

cuts to local authority funding are made because there will be no support," he said.

"Staff should not fear going into work worrying whether they will get bitten or kicked or verbally abused by pupils.

"Society can't expect teaching assistants and midday supervisors to cope indefinitely with this appalling level of violence and abuse.

"Parents have to accept their responsibilities for tackling the bad behaviour by their children."

Policy advisor at the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) Alison Ryan said early intervention services, extended services and access to training and expertise on behaviour and SEN in Kent would help tackle the problem with exclusions.

"ATL is deeply concerned that cuts to local authority funding will have an impact on the number of services they can

provide, and without them schools will face increasing behavioural problems and increasing numbers of exclusions," she said.

"The Government needs to focus on the things that work – school partnerships, early support and intervention, effective use of support staff and access to specialist support.

"Giving schools extra powers to deal with disruptive behaviour will do nothing to tackle the root cause of so many young people's problems."

The average length of a fixed-period exclusion in state-funded secondary school was 2.5 days in 2009-10, and 2.1 days for primary children.

In Kent, 3,041 pupils were suspended for physical assault or verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against another pupil and 3,009 for persistent disruptive behaviour, and in Medway 481 and 1,257 respectively.

CHARITY

Charities hit by town hall funding cuts

By Marijke Cox

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DISABLED children, rough sleepers and elderly people are among a long list of vulnerable groups to lose vital funding support as a result of local authority cuts to charities.

Although six town halls in Kent have so far avoided cutting grants to charitable organisations for 2011-12, others have seen big reductions, with Medway the deepest with a massive loss of £638,768.

Research carried out by campaign group False Economy found some 18 charities in Medway face substantial cuts for 2011-12 totalling £551,652, and minor cuts to 16 others totalling £87,116.

These include a 40 per cent cut in grant of £10,000 to Avenues Trust, a Medway charity providing support for disabled children and adults; a 100 per cent cut of £5,000 to Crimestoppers; a 17 per cent cut of £5,401 to elderly housing charity Orbit Housing Association; a 57 per cent – £44,477 – reduction to counselling service Medway Mediation; and a five per cent cut of £17,979 to homelessness charity Medway Cyrenians.

A Medway council spokesman said the authority had experienced a cut in funding from central Government which had left "hard choices".

"We have experienced an unprecedented 12.9 per cent reduction in funding from government for this year, leaving us with a gap of £23.5 million, while still providing vital services such as schools, highways, waste and social care to our 260,000 residents and safeguarding the area's 19 Sure Start centres," he said.

"The council has maintained funding to more than 120 voluntary organisations, with increases to funding in some areas, such as a £21,700 increase to Carers First, a charity supporting Medway's carers and no reductions for charities offering short breaks for children and young people with disabilities."

Other councils were also forced to make reductions due to funding cuts from central Government including Canterbury council with £22,700; Dover £144,427; Maidstone £17,272; Shepway £74,695; and Sevenoaks £212,848.

Vista Leisure Trust in Dover, which received a 36 per cent cut of £115,000, had its play scheme funding cancelled as well as further grant reductions.

Citizens Advice Bureaux in Dover and Ashford are also facing cuts.

A spokesman said: "The number of people needing our services is growing in some areas of Kent and so any funding reduction is a concern."

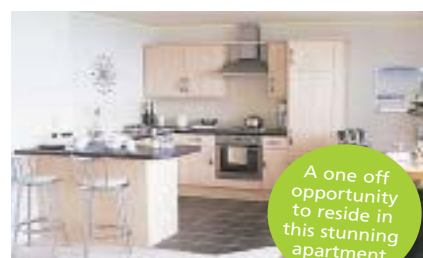


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LEGAL

Family's legal battle to ensure that another Sea Cadet doesn't die

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THE GRIEVING family of a young Sea Cadet who fell 30ft to his death are taking legal action against the youth organisation.

Jonathan Martin, from Shadoxhurst near Ashford, was killed while taking part in a Sea Cadets festival as part of 150th anniversary celebrations in Portsmouth in May last year.

The 14-year-old was on a ship's mast when he slipped on a rope and plummeted backwards to the deck before falling into the sea.

The Cranbrook School pupil died on the way to hospital from severe chest injuries.

His parents are now suing the Marine Society and Sea Cadets on the grounds that safety procedures on board the ship were inadequate.

Lawyers from Russell Jones and Walker said had the activity been on land, organisers would have had to follow strict safety laws.

Jonathan's father, Andy Martin, told KoS his son's death had had a "devastating" impact on the family.

"This isn't about compensation, we want to see changes made to ensure this kind of thing doesn't happen again," he said.

"It's absolutely vital. The loss of Jonathan has been devastating to our family and we will never get over it. Jonathan loved being a Sea Cadet,

but we feel he was let down by a lack of safety precautions which led to this tragedy.

"We hope taking legal action will raise awareness of the need for health and safety guidelines for young people taking part in activities on vessels to be improved."

Jonathan, who had been a member of Ashford Sea Cadets for two years, was among a group of teenagers asked to climb the ship's rigging to gather the sail.

He had seen one of the team struggling and moved across the mast to help, but as he stepped around another Sea Cadet he slipped on a rope and fell backwards, landing on a wheelie bin and rebounding into the water.

Trevor Sterling, of Russell Jones and Walker solicitors, said 'work at height' regulations had not applied because the youngster had been taking part voluntarily.

Mr Sterling said: "The safety harnesses Jonathan was wearing was designed to prevent users getting to a height where they can fall rather than protect a user if they do fall. There was also a lack of adult supervision. We are pushing for the exemptions in health and safety laws and the system of self-regulation to be reviewed so Sea Cadets are as protected as other young people taking part in activities at height on land."

A report into the incident by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) highlighted a



NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Charges after shooting

TWO men have been charged with GBH after a man was shot in the head and stomach.

Billy Nelson Smith, 24, of Moorhen Walk in Greenhithe, and 42-year-old Billy Smith, of Hill-house Road in Stone, appeared at a remand hearing on Thursday at Chatham magistrates' court.

The shooting in Moorhen Walk, Greenhithe, on Monday left a 51-year-old man wounded.

Two women, from Sidcup and Greenhithe, were also arrested.

➔ Early high-speed start

HIGH-speed train services from Deal and Sandwich are to start on September 5 – one month earlier than planned.

There will also be additional high-speed trains at weekends, starting on September 10.

The new services are being funded by Kent County Council to boost business confidence and support new employment opportunities in east Kent as Pfizer closes its massive drugs research plant.

➔ Net haul on the river

A DOZEN illegal fishing nets have been removed from the Snodland stretch of the River Medway.

Environment Agency officers say they suspect they were set to illegally trap eels.

When used without authorisation and the appropriate safeguards, illegally set nets can trap a variety of fish species, as well as eels and aquatic mammals. This can seriously damage local wildlife populations.

TELEVISION

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RESTING PLACE: A TV crew filmed scientists examining the sperm whale which washed up in Ramsgate

Channel 4 team's race against tide to film sperm whale's inner secrets

A SHOW on Channel 4 on Sunday explores the mysteries of the giant sperm whale washed ashore at Pegwell Bay in March.

Inside Nature's Giants sees a team of experts battle through the night against a rising tide to learn all they can about the largest species of predator on Earth. The whale was dead by the time it was spotted washed ashore.

"It was a long way from home and should have been swimming in very deep waters," said Jon Brooks, a member of British Divers Marine Life Rescue. "It's very, very rare to have something of this size wash up in Kent."

When news of the whale broke a Bafta award-winning team from the programme arrived on the scene, consisting of veterinary scientist Mark Evans and comparative anatomist Joy Reidenberg.

The experts realised they had a rare chance to look inside the five-tonne creature.

Little is known about the lives of sperm whales as they are normally hidden deep beneath the ocean waves.

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The scientists are joined by diggers, trucks and a tree surgeon as they find how the largest nose in the world is used to hunt giant squid.

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EXHIBITION

Photographer offers display of faith

By Marijke Cox

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AN AWE-INSPIRING collection of images exploring the multi-cultural landscape of the world are being displayed on Dover's big screen.

Taken by award-winning photo-journalist Jeremy Hunter, the powerful photographs reveal a snapshot of festivals, rituals and celebrations from 60 countries taken over the past 35 years.

They include images of the Biswa Ijtema Muslim pilgrimage in Bangladesh, to shocking pictures of facial skewering at the Thai Vegetarian Festival.

Let's Celebrate 365 offers a chronicle of the world's diverse religious and political rituals.

Mr Hunter, a former foreign correspondent for NIR-TV in Tehran and later a writer and producer for the BBC, said the exhibition was a photographic exploration of the beliefs and faiths of different cultures and communities.

He said: "It provides an insight into the need for us to respect the differences in these cultures. Perhaps it will help create a better understanding of the essential 'glue' that binds all societies together.

"Gods or no gods, understanding cultural diversity surely enlarges us all."

During his career, Mr Hunter



SACRED WATERS: Members of the Naga plunge into the Ganges



RITUALS: Nagaland Warriors' Hornbill Festival in North East Asia

interviewed former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi before she was assassinated; saw one of his crew shot dead during an ambush in war-torn Beirut; and witnessed extreme rituals from individuals such as a Hindu Sadhu in India, who has kept his arm aloft for 20 years.

"To understand the great faiths of the world you need

a window into the soul," said Mr Hunter.

Mr Hunter has collected more than 10,000 rare images and many hours of film footage.

The display runs from August 15 to September 9 on Dover's big screen in Market Square.

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RADIO

Mum Emma returns to spice up airwaves

FORMER Spice Girl Emma Bunton is back on Kent's Heart radio station from this weekend following the birth of her second baby boy.

The Saturday Show can be heard at 103.1 and 102.8FM and is a mix of music and the latest showbiz news, and the singer's return coincides with good news for the station in the industry's latest audience listening figures.



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CUT-PRICE DEAL: The University of Kent will award students who achieved three A-levels at grade A or equivalent, scholarships worth £2,000 a year off course fees

HIGHER EDUCATION

University to offer cash incentives to high flyers

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HIGH performing students could be offered a cash incentive to take up places at the University of Kent – regardless of their family's level of income.

Under fee proposals for 2012, those achieving three A-levels at grade A or equivalent will be given scholarships worth £2,000 a year, a move which could entice high-flyers to the Canterbury-based university.

It is the first university in the country to announce plans to offer the cut-price deal, with predictions that many more will follow suit in the overhaul of the system.

The university is also planning to offer a student support package of bursaries and fee waivers totalling £6 million for low-income families from 2012.

Head of admissions and partnership services at Kent, Mary Hughes, said the university had always been committed to offering gifted pupils the opportunity to access higher education.

"Now, with the Office of Fair Access's (OFFA) approval, a greater number of students than ever from low-income backgrounds will benefit from our support package," she said.

Under the reforms, universities will be allowed to take on unlimited numbers of students who achieve top A-level grades, where currently institutions are allocated a fixed number of government-funded places for British students.

Changes to the system will also see extra places for cheaper institutions that charge an average fee of £7,500 or less.

It follows a major shake-up where universities will be able to charge up to £9,000 a year from 2012, a decision by Government that sparked violent protests in London last year.

The county's universities recently announced they would be increasing their fees: University of Kent to the maximum £9,000 for degree courses; Canterbury Christ Church University and University for the Creative Arts £8,500; and £8,300 for students at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus.

Current fees are around £3,500, but if proposals go ahead, high-achieving students at the University of Kent faced with £9,000 fees will be given a £2,000 cash reduction per year in a bid to attract them away from other leading universities.

The high-achiever support package would cost the institution £1m.

OFFA has given its endorsement of the plans, paving the way for the new funding scheme to be put in place next year.

Vice-Chancellor at University of Kent, Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow, said: "OFFA's approval of our proposed fees and student support package is an endorsement of Kent's

continued commitment to widening access in the greater region.

"It is also a vote of confidence for the ambition and quality of our support for students, as well as our teaching and campus facilities."

Moves to offer cash incentives have been criticised by Labour Party members who said money should be spent on widening access to students from poorer backgrounds.

But the University of Kent stressed it was spending £6m to ensure students from poorer families were assisted and that it was widening access by increasing the number of partner schools and colleges in the region from 20 to 40.

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A greater number of students than ever from low-income backgrounds will benefit from our support package

MARY HUGHES, HEAD OF ADMISSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

The Partner Schools' curriculum introduces students to the opportunities of a university education through activities and workshops.

Kent Labour Party spokesman and former MP for Gillingham and Rainham, Paul Clark, said he understood why universities were offering cheaper fees for high achievers.

He said: "With the changes being allowed by Government of fees of up to £9,000, universities are going to be looking at ways to attract students for 2012. There are concerns in terms of the effect these changes are going to have. It will be interesting to see the levels of admissions next year."

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News

FESTIVAL

International flavour to folk festival by the sea

By Ed Hill

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BROADSTAIRS Folk Week gets into full swing this weekend.

The event has been attracting visitors to the town for more than 45 years, and festival director Jo Tuffs said: "It started as a dance festival. The founding member was a man called Jack Hamilton. He was a leading light in the English Folk Dancing Society.

"He was looking to start a festival on the South East coast and when he got off the train here he thought it was the ideal place."

Since then the event, which runs until August 12, has grown to include folk music not only from the UK but around the world. This year the music lined up for visitors ranges from Russian gypsy violins and Australian mountain singers, to Barbara Dickson.

So what has been the secret behind the festivals long running success?



FOLKY FUN: Morris dancing near the pier in Broadstairs

The festival attracts traditional music fans from around the country, and Jo said: "People just love the whole week, it is a big part of their lives."

The seaside location and narrow streets of Broadstairs mean there is an event happening around every corner.

"Unlike a festival in a greenfield site with one big stage, we have a lot of free shows in the street and ticketed events indoors. About 60 per cent of the event is ticketed, 40 per cent is free on the street."

Some of the other big names for this year's festival include Chumbawumba, Boo Hewar-

dine and folk favourites Home Service.

Venues include the 600-seat marquee in Pierremont Park, Broadstairs sailing club, a Methodist church, schools, pubs and bandstands.

The choice of music may mainly be aimed at the folk crowd, but it is a mix designed to appeal as many music fans as possible.

And dance still plays an important part. As well as traditional morris dancing there are groups of Appalachian dancers, clog dancing, and Bollywood workshops.

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MEMORIAL

State-of-the-art education centre will keep memories of Battle of Britain heroes alive

By Marijke Cox

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IT WAS one of the defining moments of British military history, with heroic airmen taking to the skies above Kent in what became known as the battle that saved the world.

In a speech in the House of Commons in August, 1940, the then-Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared that, "never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few" which led to the brave pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain being referred to as The Few.

But with most of the surviving veterans now in their 90s, there are fears that knowledge of the critical point in World War Two could begin to fade.

In a bid to keep the memory of The Few and all those

who helped in the Battle of Britain alive, a unique learning centre is being created at the National Memorial for The Few at Capel-le-Ferne, between Dover and Folkestone.

While the plans were announced more than a year ago, momentum is now building with planning permission due to be submitted in just months.

Hopes are the centre, which is expected to cost in the region of £1.5 million with the majority from donations and fundraising, will be opened in 2015, the 75th anniversary of the famous battle.



SALUTE: Pilot Charlie Brown

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust launched an appeal to raise £650,000 to help fund the centre and is preparing to put in a bid for Heritage Lottery Funding once a planning application is submitted to Dover District Council.

A meeting was held with

residents living near the memorial site last week to discuss progress.

Secretary of the Trust, Patrick Tootal, who is also secretary of the Fighter Association, said: "We're trying to fill in the gaps. This isn't a museum. They have their role to play, but what we are creating is something different where people can almost relive a day-in-the-life of The Few," he said.

"The idea is to keep the memory alive. I don't believe young people aren't interested; once they are told about something their interest is intense.

"People say the Battle of Trafalgar saved the nation and the Battle of Britain saved the world. This education centre is important for teaching young people about it."

The centre, which has been designed by architects Godden Allen Lawn in the shape of the iconic Spitfire wing, will be created as a living history resource that will use film, walk-through displays and modern technology to recreate the historic Battle of Britain.

Mr Tootal said it would bring to life



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REMEMBER THEM:

Patrick Tootal (right) hopes the new centre, sited at the National Memorial for The Few (above) will keep the memory of those brave Battle of Britain pilots alive for generations to come

the events of the battle and the heroics of the 3,000 involved.

He added: "The Few are quick to say everybody helped, right down to the people who fixed the potholes in the ground so they could land."

Plans are for the centre, which has won the backing of surviving veterans, to be located behind the Christopher Foxley-Norris Memorial Wall, with a view across the English Channel towards France. One of the special effects planned will be superimposed images to create the impression of the German Luftwaffe flying across the Channel.

The Trust is appealing for donations to ensure the plans come to fruition.

Chairman of the Trustees, Richard Hunting, said: "The Battle of Britain was

arguably the most important battle fought by this country in the whole of the last century, and it is vital that young people, in particular, remember their bravery and, in many cases, sacrifice.

"While the National Memorial here at Capel-le-Ferne has become well established as a place of pilgrimage, we believe we need something extra to engage future generations of young people in the events of 1940."

Fly-pasts of a replica Spitfire take place over the memorial at specific times to raise the profile of the memorial.

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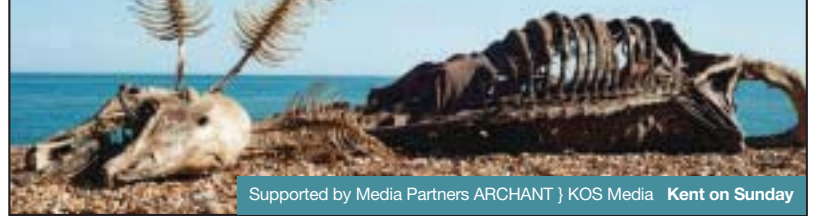
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CRIME

Father and daughter team laundered drugs gang cash

By Marijke Cox

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A FATHER and daughter duo have been sentenced for money laundering the proceeds of an international drug trafficking plot.

Derek Rosser, 63, and daughter Nicola Rosser, 36, were sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court for laundering thousands of pounds of cash into euros.

The father was handed a two-year jail sentence for being in possession of criminal property – £93,600 – and a further five sentences of eight months each to run concurrently.

These were in relation to three offences of converting criminal property – changing into euros, and a further two offences of possession of criminal property – £4,000 and €2,000 found at his home.

Nicola Rosser was given an eight-month sentence, suspended for two years, for three offences of converting criminal



SENTENCED: Derek Rosser

property – changing it into euros. In addition, she was handed a six-month night-time curfew and must pay £250 costs.

The court heard how Nicola Rosser used her training in money laundering from her job in a casino to her advantage, working closely alongside her father.

On June 29 last year, the father and daughter were stopped in their car on the Thanet Way near Faversham.

Police searched the vehicle and discovered a blue draw-

string bag containing £9,300 in cash. Neither would explain why they had the money, so both were arrested on suspicion of money laundering.

A later search of a vehicle belonging to Nicola Rosser revealed documentation relating to three cash transactions on 28 June, 2010, in which £18,420.24 in euros was bought.

CCTV from two of the money shops revealed Nicola Rosser as the person buying the euros.

When police searched the home of Derek Rosser at Waterways Caravan Park, Reculver, near Herne Bay, they seized a blue cash box containing £4,000 and €2,000.

Derek Rosser pleaded guilty to three charges of converting criminal property and three charges of possession of criminal property under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Nicola Rosser, of King Street, Margate, admitted three charges of converting criminal property.

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RELIGION

Skinner hopes Archbishop's up for game of Quidditch during interview

By Steve Knight

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STAND-UP comedy star Frank Skinner says the Archbishop of Canterbury should take a leaf out of Harry Potter's book and rediscover the "weirdness" of religion.

The popular comic is due to be interviewed by Dr Rowan Williams as part of a two-day festival at Canterbury Cathedral next month, and he told KoS he expected the pair's faith in God to play a major role in the discussion.

But Skinner said he would not allow the event to become too serious.

"I guess we will talk about the fact there's not enough religious people around any more, and what went wrong," he said.

"I think the PR has been pretty bad and people don't seem to like religion now, but they like Harry Potter and that's because Harry Potter has all the magical weird stuff we used to have.

"I think we need to get that back, so perhaps the Archbishop and I should have a game of Quidditch to mark the occasion.

"But I want people to know that it's okay to be religious and also have a

laugh, play football and swear a bit, too. You don't have to walk around with your hands clasped together looking at the clouds."

Skinner has been a devout Roman Catholic since childhood and relied heavily on his faith in his battle against alcoholism. He told KoS he had no problem discussing his faith with non-believers, and even joking about it during his stand-up performances.

"I think the temptation for religious people is to keep their mouths shut because they're worried people will think they're weird," he said.

"But everywhere I've been, whether in school, at the factory or down the pub, I've felt like a bit of a weirdo anyway.

"I think you should embrace the weirdness, and I'm very happy to be a strange outsider. Occasionally I bring religion up in my shows because even people who are not very keen on it find it quite interesting, much in the same way as I would be interested in hearing about it if you told me you liked visiting fetish pubs in Maidstone."

Skinner's appearance at Canterbury Cathedral on Friday, September 16, follows a similar sell-out event in 2009, involving Dr Williams and the editor of Private Eye magazine, Ian Hislop.

And despite recognising the Pope rather than the Archbishop as the spiritual leader of Christianity, the comic said the opportunity to sit down with the head of the Anglican church was too good to pass up.

"I've been interviewed by the likes of Michael Parkinson and Graham Norton in the past, but the Archbishop is definitely up there with the best of them," he said.

"There's no turning down an invitation to take part in something like this at Canterbury Cathedral. However, I am thinking about reclaiming the cathedral for the Roman church."

The In Conversation event forms part of a two-day festival organised by the Diocese of Canterbury called The Gathering. Tickets can be purchased at www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering.

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COASTAL TRAIL

Shooting fans are 'treated like second class citizens'

By Marijke Cox
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RURAL campaigners have accused the Government of "shameful" treatment of owners of countryside sporting rights as plans for an all-England walkers' coastal trail move forward.

The Countryside Alliance said people legally allowed to shoot on coastal land are being treated as second-class citizens, with no rights to make formal objections to the proposals.

The comments came as Natural England prepared for what it described as "walking the course" where officers will visit coastal land likely to be affected in Kent.

The planned coastal access path – which will form part of an unbroken trail around the UK – will run 39km from Ramsgate Pier to Folkestone.

A Natural England spokesman said options for improving access would be discussed with people who own and manage the land. A 12-week public con-



NO MORE: The UK coastal path will affect shooters' rights

sultation is due in late 2011.

Kent is one of the first stretches of coast to become part of the new trail, with completion expected in 2014.

But while Natural England stressed the path would give people the right to roam the coastline in places currently off-limits, others were opposed because of the impact it would have on residents, landowners and those who have sporting rights, which allow shooting.

South East regional director of the Countryside Alliance, Michelle Nudds, said owners of sporting rights were treated as second class citizens.

"Owners of sporting rights

cannot make formal objections and as such have no access to the independent appeals process because the law does not classify them as having a 'relevant interest'," she said.

"Despite this shameful situation, it is essential that residents who own sporting rights in coastal areas participate in the consultation process."

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation's Dr Conor O'Gorman said: "If a person's shooting interests are on potentially affected land they should get involved at this early planning stage."

The coastal path, made possible due to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, will open up miles of coastline, and existing trails which erode into the sea will be replaced, creating an unbroken trail.

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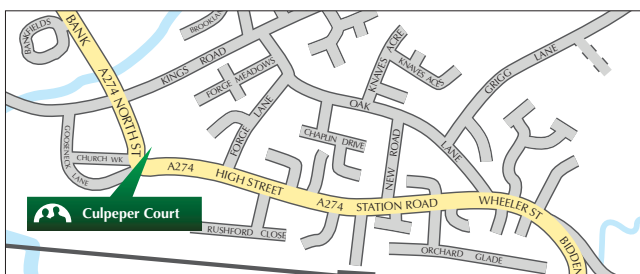
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ECONOMY

Cash boost to help declining seaside towns

By Marijke Cox

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STRUGGLING seaside towns could receive a share of £23 million to help revive parts of Kent's ailing coastline.

From April, 2012, voluntary and charitable groups will be able to bid for funding for green projects aimed at supporting communities and reversing the decline in many of the county's seaside districts.

The cash initiative, which was announced in Thanet – the 49th most deprived district in the country – by economic secretary Justine Greening MP, looks to target towns on the coast that have become too dependent on a dwindling tourism industry and have spiralled into deprivation.

South Thanet Tory MP Laura Sandys, who helped spearhead a campaign aimed at getting a fairer deal for seaside areas, said coastal towns should be more than just "good places to holiday".

"They must be places we all want to live, work and establish businesses in," she said. "With this funding, the local voluntary groups at the heart of Thanet and east Kent will be able to build on their Big Society activism. The tide is changing for the better in seaside towns across the UK."

Voluntary groups will be able to bid for funding through the Big Lottery Fund. The money is designed to support the growth of coastal communities and will be available to help projects aimed at developing renewable energy or environmental maintenance and improving skills.

At a coastal towns roundtable meeting at the Department for Communities and Local Government, involving Ms Sandys, recommendations were discussed drawing on examples from a study by the Margate Renewal Partnership.

The key issues surrounded Cliftonville West and Margate Central, which have a dependency on a declining tourism sector, an unbalanced housing market, the arrival economic migrants and vulnerable groups, and high levels of crime.

Shared Intelligence, the organisation commissioned to carry out the study, said the Margate Renewal Partnership, Thanet District Council and Kent County Council had worked hard to sort out the problems. But the study found they had not fundamentally tackled the key drivers of decline.

Shared Intelligence said: "The economy remains over-reliant on public services and the declining tourism sector; housing improvement work has been on too limited a scale to shift the balance in the housing market; and significant numbers of vulnerable adults and children from outside Thanet continue to be placed in the district."

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WASHED UP: Margate is in need of a revival

ENTERTAINMENT

Amusement arcades' new stake

SITTINGBOURNE and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson has welcomed a change in the law that will see the maximum slot machine stake rise from £1 to £2. He said: Amusement

parks are an important part of our leisure and tourist industry, particularly on Sheppey, and I hope these changes will give our hard-pressed amusement industry a big fillip."

ROAD DEATH

Family's tribute to motorcyclist

THE family of a Chatham motorcyclist who died following a collision with a car in Aylesford have paid tribute to a "loving" family man. Michael Sharp, 57, was on his Honda 1,000cc

bike, when he was in collision with a Vauxhall Corsa on Thursday, July 28. His family said: "He was a dependable, hard-working, loving husband, who loved bikes and riding them."

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OPINION

Gove is failing to pass the test

Andy Burnham MP, Labour's shadow education secretary, attacks the Government's muddled thinking over its education reform programme

PARENTS, teachers and pupils in Kent have every right to feel confused and aggrieved after events of the past few weeks.

Education Secretary Michael Gove announced he's sticking by his decision to let Kent schools languish, rather than rebuilding them; Kent County Council's Tory leader spoke out against his own Government's flagship academy programme; and the true extent of teacher job cuts in Medway became apparent.

It sums up this government's approach to education policy – incompetent and ideological.

From school building to school sport to the EMA, we've seen ministers rush headlong into poorly thought-through reforms of successful schemes.

Decisions are taken with no consultation and no supporting evidence, subjecting schools in places like Kent to chaos, when what they need is stability.

For those unfamiliar with

Gove's regrettable handling of the rebuilding programme for Kent schools, plans to improve 36 local schools were frozen in July last year, when the Government chose to scrap Labour's Building Schools for the Future scheme.

The High Court then ruled the decision unlawful due to inadequate consultation and declared the decision "so unfair as to be an abuse of power".

Hopes were raised some of the rebuilding projects would be revived – including at 14 secondary schools in Thanet, Gravesham and Dover. But the education secretary has announced he's sticking to his guns.

To date, there has been no hint of an apology from Mr Gove. Schools and communities in Kent who have had their hopes dashed deserve better than this.

Meanwhile, nearly 140 school staff in Medway are to lose their jobs. Despite claims

school budgets would be protected, research from the House of Commons Library shows this is not the case. The average secondary school budget for repairs and computers is due to fall by £86,000 next year, with the average primary school's dropping by £26,000 – equal to an 80 per cent cut.

In another unsettling move, KCC's leader Paul Carter has written to local heads, warning them the academy programme could lead to a two-tier education system in the county.

Cllr Carter pointed out that additional government money provided to schools converting to academies was drying up, meaning those now converted would end up with lower budgets, and urged schools to think twice before applying to become academies.

This is confusing for Kent's headteachers; one minute they're being actively encouraged to apply for academy



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The fact Carter is speaking against his own party shows policy is in disarray

status, the next they're being warned off the idea. The fact Mr Carter is speaking out against his own party shows the policy is in disarray.

But he's right to issue a warning. The way the Government is going about its academy programme is resulting in an uneven playing field in terms of funding and a highly centralised school system.

Labour's academies brought about transformational change and drove up standards in schools in some of the poorest areas of the country.

In contrast, Mr Gove's programme is simply taking schools away from local control and putting them in the direct control of the Secretary of State.

Instead of empowering parents and communities in Kent, this Government's education reforms are stripping power from them and putting at risk standards and fairness in our school system.

KOS COMMENT

Expulsion stats reveal shock violence levels

NEW figures on the number of pupil exclusions last year produced shocking enough totals, but to see the staggering amount caused by violence made the statistics even more horrifying.

No-one should have to go to work worrying they could be on the receiving end of a violent assault, regardless of how damaged a child may be through family breakdown or trauma.

Although exclusions must be used for pupils resorting to violence, unfortunately it is likely that those children are the ones most in need of schooling and the guiding hand of a good teacher.

It feels like football's never even been away

JUST as we've adjusted to weekends without football – which for some women means getting their football-loving husbands back – the start of the new season is upon us.

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Royal Marines at Walmer Green bandstand
by Sarah Basham

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Condemning barbaric trade

YOUR report in last week's KoS is disingenuous. The majority of animals exported through Ramsgate have been calves, many from Ireland, and for further transport to Spain or Italy.

Furthermore, there is no guarantee the exported sheep will be sent to slaughterhouses, but rather to the 'amateur' killer for the barbarity of ritual slaughter.

The journey times and welfare of which your tame farmer speaks are fantasy.

I have witnessed the Joline (the nautical equivalent of a skate board) pitching and rolling in the English Channel while the lorries and their animals are covered in spray.

There are often delays before unloading and distances to and from the ports must be horrendous for the animals.

I have nothing but condemnation for those who support and facilitate this cruel and barbaric trade.

**Judith Gunn,
by email**

On a slow boat to slaughter

WELL what a load of rubbish quoted by Frank Langrish (KoS, July 31).

I have witnessed these animals arriving in the early hours of the morning, crying and very smelly.

They have travelled from their pick-up point which could be anywhere such as Wales, Devon or Gloucester down to Ramsgate, some arriving as early as 12.45am, then they stay in the transporters as there is no provision for unloading.

It takes roughly four hours to cross from Ramsgate to Calais as the ship Joline does not go very fast and sometimes she has been unable to berth due to another ship being there.

Just last week there were two shipments during a 36-hour period; the second load arrived late afternoon at 5.15pm (it was due in at 4pm), but was not allowed to come into Ramsgate until 9pm. The ship broke down and could not get into its usual berth in Calais until noon the next day.

So can Mr Langrish work out how many hours that is from point of pick up to Ramsgate, the waiting around and then slow boat to Calais, not including where they travel to after Calais?

Mrs R Bane, By email

School's out, so no problem

"WHO wants cars travelling fast past schools?" says Stuart Jeffery of the Green Party.

Does it really matter when they are shut on school holidays, at night time and weekends – is 30mph then too fast?

Have the six schools chosen for this trial (the 70mph speed limit was a 'trial' in 1965) been part of "Maidstone's appalling accident record" as you state on your website?

Let us have some real hard facts, not emotive rhetoric.

This is just a Trojan horse to get rid of all 30mph limits and downgrade them to 20mph, to "encourage walking and cycling" as it says on the Green's website.

Strange how with so much 'public support' for all these speed limits that we need so

many speed cameras?

Seems to me there is not much 'public support' for this and many other speed limits.

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

Our youth will pay a high toll

ON Monday, I attended a meeting at County Hall in Maidstone in order to listen to the debate on proposals for cuts in youth services.

It may be dressed up as "improvements" but the reality is many youth centres will close. I had taken the trouble to read the consultation paper and had questions I hoped would be answered. I do not have a political agenda and I am not involved in youth services but still feel angry over what I have witnessed.

I have a small business and I if I am not prepared when presenting I will be ripped apart by a potential investor. What I saw shows me that being inept and having done little research does not matter when most councillors are on your side.

My questions were simple and were thankfully the same as ones raised by three young

people, some older heads with experience, the chairperson and one member of the committee.

The report was detailed whilst being completely vague. How many jobs are to be cut? How did they decide which centres to keep and which to cut? How can a privately commissioned organisation be more effective than what is in place already? If a private company wanted to get involved in youth work, and there was no evidence to support this, surely they would only do this to make a profit. Most concerning to me was a flow chart. It showed what would happen to centres not able to be farmed out to private organisations and voluntary groups. They would be sold.

I don't think anyone who opposed the cuts had any doubt voluntary organisations do a great job. However, they need support from KCC staff. Members of the committee stated constantly the service was superb so why spoil it? Kent is one of the lowest funded councils in the country for Youth Services so why cut any more. I have met a few young people in the last few weeks who have benefited from the centres.

The one thing they shared was a passion for the service. These are people who could have gone the wrong way and cost fortunes more to deal with later.

This was my first council meeting and I had expected a different outcome. The idea was to debate the proposals in the consultation document. The reality was somewhat different. Six witnesses were called to make points on the plan. The first three were young people who had not attended a meeting like this before. It turned out that the young people were to be questioned/grilled, not the consultation paper. A number of the Conservative members asked questions. My blood started boiling at this point. I don't think that these young people need to be patronised and bullied in any way but they were. Their political motives were questioned and the words "narrow minded" were used to describe people who were only trying to raise issues about a paper. Members of the committee had conversations amongst themselves whilst speeches were being made and one even had a phone call. The young people were a credit and the councillors a disgrace.

I was stunned by what transpired. One member made the point the document was thorough and he could not see any reason to delay. He was clear, and this was the general consensus, that the document marks the way forward.

The next man to speak was completely out of touch with reality. This fine citizen actually raised the point that funds should be split evenly across all boroughs and areas. He was adamant that deprived areas and young people with little to look forward to should have no special treatment.

I was shocked at the self centred narrow mindedness of these ignorant and inept representatives of Kent. The whole "we're in this together" rubbish is clearly a fantasy when they are so out of touch with reality.

I would urge as many people as possible to look at what is happening. We are talking about cutting £1 million. It is a drop in the ocean. The council has a surplus fund of £30m. Invest it wisely for a change and it could save the youth services; or maybe they just don't want to.

**Tony Frost
By email**

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Career in foster care is more rewarding than you'd think

By Nick Ames

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BEING a foster carer is a unique and multi-faceted role which, as well as bringing huge benefits to the children, can also be extremely rewarding for the adults involved.

Love and care are essential to our well-being. Adults and children alike consistently seek them, but when it comes to children, special attention is critical.

According to the Children's Workforce Development Council, which aims to help young people growing up in England, many people do not even consider fostering as being an actual role or indeed a career, but what carers do on a day-to-day basis as part of looking after the children they have easily equates to being a full-time job in itself.

The council says that it is one of the few roles which can be seen as a career based in your own home. It involves you working closely with other professionals in social services, education, health-care services and sometimes the police and legal system.

Fostering – or foster care – is a way of providing family life for a child or young person who cannot live with his or her own parents.

It is often used to provide temporary care while parents get help sorting out problems or take a break; also, it can help the child or young person through a difficult period in their lives.

When a child is in foster care, the child's parents or the local authority still have legal responsibility for them. In most cases when a child is adopted, all legal responsibility for the child passes to the new family. The local authority and the birth parents no longer have formal responsibility. It is as though the child had been born into that family.

There are many different types of fostering:

- Emergency: where children need somewhere safe to stay for a few nights.
- Family and friends or 'kinship' fostering,



SUPPORT:

The role of the foster carer can involve many aspects requiring you to work closely with other professionals in social services, education and sometimes the police, giving you a full-time career but based in your own home

Help, support and advice for carers

MANY children in care come from a background where they have been exposed to some degree of trauma, neglect or abuse. This means it is even more important for foster carers to be well trained and ready to give vulnerable children a home. One Kent fostering group offers training and support for foster carers as well as therapy and support. The Caldecott Fostering Service in Ashford offers its carers expert advice and home visits by therapy professionals. Erica Eversfield, head of fostering, said: "The Caldecott Fostering Service has an extremely high success rate. What makes this possible and sets us apart is that we make it our mission to personally know and care about our carers and children."

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where children who are looked after by a local authority are cared for by extended family members or people they already know and who are then approved as foster carers specifically for that particular child.

- Fostering for asylum-seeking children.

■ Long-term or full-time fostering: this is where the child or young person lives with the foster carer on a long-term or full-time basis, ideally until they reach adulthood or are ready to live independently.

■ Private fostering: where the parents make an arrangement for the child to stay with someone else who is not a close relative and has no parental responsibilities, and the child stays with that person – the private foster carer – for more than 27 days.

- Remand fostering: where young people in

England or Wales are 'remanded' by the court to the care of a specially-trained foster carer.

- Short breaks (sometimes called respite): these provide opportunities for disabled children to have enjoyable experiences which help them become more independent and form friendships outside their family.

■ Short-term: where carers look after children for a few weeks or months while plans are made for the child's future.

■ Specialised therapeutic fostering: foster care for children and young people with very complex needs and/or challenging behaviour; usually where the foster carer is trained in therapeutic interventions.

Some of the most vulnerable children in need of fostering are those who have travelled to the UK in search of asylum.

They will have travelled long distances to reach this country and often be without any family or friends.

They may not speak English and can be frightened and confused when they arrive. They may be in a state of shock because of their experiences – especially if they have fled from a war zone or a natural disaster.

There is a certain elation to be had on the part of carers from knowing they 'saved' a child. An unhappy child is something no one wants to see and when a child is placed in foster care many foster parents receive a great deal of inner fulfillment from knowing they have contributed to the removal of this sadness.

There is also the great relief of knowing this removal can be permanent because of their contribution to the future life of a child.

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Why did the Leeds turn down my cash?

Q I have more than £10,000 in a cash Isa with Nationwide that pays 2.75pc interest. I have been looking for something better, and found an Isa from Leeds Building Society that pays 3.25pc. I planned to move the cash into my Nationwide current account and then transfer it to the Leeds, but this is where I hit a problem. The Leeds would let me open an Isa, but it would not let me transfer my existing Isa savings. Why would any bank or building society ever refuse a deposit of more than £10,000 in the current economic climate?

A The Leeds has actually done you a huge favour by turning down your money. The only way to transfer cash from an existing Isa to a new Isa is to leave it up to the new bank or building society to arrange the paperwork with your existing Isa provider. The money must never be under your own control. If you had gone ahead with your plan to transfer the cash into your Nationwide current account and then on to the Leeds, you would have lost your Isa tax exemption and you would have had to start all over again, building up a tax-free nest egg. The most we are all allowed to pay into a cash Isa is £5,340 a year, so some of your savings interest would have become taxable. But this is not why the Leeds turned you away. Some banks and building societies prefer new savings. They do not want to transfer in "hot" money that they suspect will be transferred out again as soon as someone comes up with an account that offers a fraction more interest. Apart from preventing you throwing away your tax exemption, the Leeds has done you another favour, since you can actually beat its interest rate of 3.25pc. Chelsea Building Society will pay you 3.3pc interest on its fixed-rate cash Isa that matures in August next year. The account can be operated by post or through a branch.

Q I have heard conflicting reports about cheques. Some people believe they are going to be abolished, but others say not. As a pensioner who has no internet bank account and no computer, either, I send cheques to my grandchildren for birthdays and Christmas. How could I do this if cheques are abolished?

A There has been a lot of confusion over cheques, so here are the facts. The banks did plan to scrap cheques, but faced with mounting protests, they have backed down. The banks now say that cheques will stay for as long as customers need them – so you can keep sending them to your grandchildren, and they can keep banking

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them. There is one fly in the ointment, though. The banks have done away with the guarantee card that promised shopkeepers your cheques would be honoured. This piece of plastic will no longer work, which means most shops will refuse to accept cheques. As time passes, it looks likely that the reason you want to keep cheques – for sending gifts to your family – will become almost their only real use.

Q I have an unusual question for you. I read that Irish government bonds have fallen to about 70pc of their face value. Does this mean that if I invest now, I will get back 100pc in 2020 when the bonds mature, and meanwhile I would get 4.5pc interest? I know this would be a gamble. I accept the risks and will not blame you if Ireland goes bankrupt.

A Ireland has the euro as its currency, and since you wrote to me, there have been fresh worries over whether the euro can survive. The Irish treasury's 2020 bonds have fallen further, to about 64 euros. If there is no further euro-crisis, and if Ireland's own economy improves – or gets no worse – then yes, you would get 100 euros in 2020 for every 64 euros invested today, plus annual interest of 4.5pc. But those are big 'ifs', so invest only if you can afford the risks.

Q I am owed money by a small company that seems to have vanished. What is the procedure for finding the owner's name, so I can sue him or her?

A Go to www.companieshouse.gov.uk and click on 'search company information'. This will show whether the company is still active. For a small payment, you can also find the names and addresses of the directors and shareholders. But seek legal advice, as normally you can only sue the limited company itself and not its bosses.

■ If you have a personal finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

First-time buyers' credit-record fear

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

FIRST-TIME buyers are being held back by a lack of awareness surrounding credit data, according to a leading provider of credit information.

Although the first-time buyer market has expanded rapidly in recent months, with a growing number of mortgage products available for borrowers, Equifax said it thought many people could be missing out on the most competitive deals because they do not understand the importance of their credit information.

Recent research by Equifax into the credit card market suggested that a third of those declined for card applications did not know why they had been turned down. Neil Munroe, the company's external affairs director, said he was concerned the same

situation could exist with first-time mortgage borrowers.

"It's vital that first-time buyers understand what information is used by mortgage providers to assess their creditworthiness, as well as how they can make sure their credit rating is at its best for them to get the most favourable deal," Mr Munroe said.

"Something as simple as the fact that they are not registered on the electoral roll could hamper an individual's ability to gain a good mortgage. Or it might be that a credit agreement they had forgotten about is showing as having an outstanding balance which could count against them.

"We recommend first-time buyers check their credit report before they start applying for mortgages. And if their application is refused, they should stop applying and ask why."

The credit reference agencies are Equifax (visit www.equifax.co.uk or

call 0844 335 0550), Experian (visit www.experian.co.uk or call 0844 481 8000) and Call Credit (visit www.callcredit.co.uk or call 0870 060 1414).

Credit reports include information on existing and former credit accounts, county court judgments, credit 'searches' of your data by lenders and any shared financial commitments.

For a statutory fee of £2 per agency, you can apply for a copy of your credit file. Although much of the data held by them will be the same, it can be worth requesting your file from all agencies to pick up any anomalies.

If you spot anything untoward on your file – such as a search of your data that you did not authorise – it can alert you to potential fraud.

Meanwhile, you are given the opportunity to correct any incorrect information held about you.



Car insurance rarely covers glovebox items

MOTORISTS are leaving hundreds of pounds worth of items in their cars, often on open display to potential thieves.

And many of them have no idea whether or not their insurance would cover them if their cars were to be broken into.

Motorists stash, on average, £278-worth of belongings in their cars – the most common being satellite navigation systems, mobile phones, and wallets. Nearly three quarters of people don't know what cover they have for things left in their cars.

Gloveboxes contain, on average, £112-worth of goods and younger people are much more likely to leave such possessions in their unattended cars. The same sort of items are left in car boots, but golf clubs and power tools are often added to the list.

Lee Griffin, from Gocompare, said: "Most of us own a range of highly portable and desirable gadgets which are small enough to stash in our glovebox or boot.

"The purpose of car insurance is to give you financial protection for your vehicle, not the stuff you keep inside it.

"Cover for personal belongings is typically limited to fully comprehensive policies and restricted to about £100. Cover rarely extends to money or business goods or items not in a locked boot."

TARGET FOR THIEVES: Many drivers are leaving their valuable possessions worth hundreds of pounds in their cars, often on display to would-be thieves



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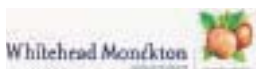
The owners of this paper have launched a low-cost recruitment agency. The StaffPro service comes as a natural progression to this paper's Keep Kent Working campaign, which aims to boost the county's jobs market in the wake of the recession. StaffPro will feature available positions across a number of sectors, with each position being featured in the company's print, online and digital platforms. To further back Kent business, fees payable have been fixed at 7.5 per cent on salaries under £40,000 – significantly below the industry average.

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Saga secures 6 per cent cut of homecare market

By Simon Robinson

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THE Saga Group is set to become the UK's biggest homecare-provider when a £107 million take-over is completed.

The Folkestone firm, which also has interest in the holidays, insurance, savings and financial-advice sectors, will raise its UK market share to 6 per cent through the acquisition of Allied Healthcare International Inc.

The terms of the agreement have been rubber-stamped by both parties – for a fee of \$3.90 per share.

Allied shareholders are expected to give the takeover their seal of approval in the autumn, at which time the New York-registered company's 9,000 staff employed at 120 branches throughout the UK would transfer over to Saga.

Saga Healthcare chief executive John Ivers said: "Our strategic intent has been to grow our healthcare division organically and through carefully-selected acquisitions. I am therefore delighted Allied is joining the Saga Group."

"Saga will be the UK's pre-eminent provider of domiciliary care. We are creating a nationally-recognised and trusted provider of quality care



DEAL: Folkestone-based Saga Group hopes to buy Allied Healthcare in a £107 million deal. The firm's market share would rise to 6 per cent.

in the home. I look forward to welcoming the staff and customers of Allied to the Saga family – working together we have an exciting future."

Saga's head of communications Paul Green added: "The proposed takeover would give Saga a 6 per cent market share of the domiciliary-care business in the UK, making us the biggest individual provider."

"The homecare business has been expanding rapidly in the UK and we view this acquisition as an extremely important third leg of our busi-

ness, alongside our iconic holiday brand and financial services. It means 77 per cent of the UK will now be within a 20-minute drive of one of our branches."

Allied chief executive Sandy Young said: "We are pleased to have entered into a transaction that will offer Allied shareholders an attractive valuation."

"After a robust examination of the strategic alternatives available to the company, our board unanimously concluded that this transaction is in the best interests of our company and shareholders."

The company's chairman, Dr Jeffrey Peris, added: "Saga's acquisition of Allied provides the opportunity to realise value for our shareholders by leveraging Allied's quality achievements, operational excellence and our talented personnel while continuing to meet our customers' healthcare needs."

Allied operates a community-based network of nurses and specialised medical personnel to locations covering 90 per cent of the UK population.

The Saga Group is the UK's leading provider of products and services specifically designed for people aged 50 and over and boasts more than 2.7 million customers.

DONATION

PCs and printer given to charity

EDWARDS Harvey PR & Marketing has donated all of its old office equipment to charity.

The Maidstone consultancy gave the hi-tech haul to Computers 4 Africa, which is dedicated to helping African children who are living in poverty.

The equipment includes 14 computers, a scanner and a printer, and associated accessories.

Edwards Harvey managing director Pip Clarkson said: "We chose to support Computers 4 Africa because the work they do literally transforms impoverished communities."

"Computers are rare in Africa – most schools simply can't afford them – and yet access to IT training can make a huge difference to an underprivileged child's future. It's good to know that we're helping to give youngsters a better start in life."

Computers 4 Africa, which is based in Aylesford, collects redundant electrical equipment free of charge and ships out all usable donations to specific projects in Africa.



GROWTH: Councillor Jane Chitty

FINANCE

Start-ups offered business boost

BUDDING entrepreneurs can get top tips on how to make it in business at a series of monthly workshops organised by Medway Council and Lloyds TSB.

Bank experts will be on hand to offer guidance to anyone thinking of starting their own business as part of the council's Partners For Growth Start Up grants scheme, designed to give fledgling firms a financial boost of up to £1,000.

Medway Council's economic-growth boss Jane Chitty said: "There has been a diverse range of start-up companies here in Medway."

"It is our priority to help them grow, to keep local business talent and help support the jobs that these companies create."

Lloyds TSB's Trevor Shave added: "This reinforces the bank's commitment to SMEs and, in particular, the continued regeneration of the Medway economy, brought about by investing in new business start-ups."

For more information on the workshops, email info@bsk-cic.co.uk.

GROWTH

Basepoint handed keys to The Base

A BUSINESS start-up centre has been opened.

Basepoint Business Centres, which operates four other similar hubs across the county, took the keys to The Base, in Dartford, from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).

SEEDA development director Jonathan Sadler said: "SEEDA is delighted The Base is now complete and is already 37 per cent occupied."

"This will provide much-needed support for the growth of the local economy. SEEDA is proud to have led this development, which is a testament to the strong relationship we have with our partners on this project."

The Basepoint's Allison Sweeney, who will manage The Base, added: "Dartford has a strong business community, and the number of enquiries we have already received from local SMEs proves that."

"We hope to create a hub for entrepreneurs and encourage the business community in the area to grow even further."

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RETAIL

Profits rise at outlet centre

THE Ashford Designer Outlet Centre recorded a 10 per cent year-on-year sales rise.

The shopping centre, which houses 80 leading retail brands, also saw footfall in June increase by 13 per cent on June 2010.

McArthurGlen, which runs the store, said the upturn was due to the recession as well as holidays and summer weddings.

Ashford centre manager David Maddison said: "We're always working to ensure we provide the best possible outlet shopping experience for our customers."

"We offer more than 80 leading premium and high-street brands, meaning our shoppers know they will find a wide range of excellent fashions, for less."

"The centre's footfall and sales performance during June has been very strong, with brands such as Phase Eight, Ted Baker and Tommy Hilfiger all satisfying an increased demand for glamorous occasion wear as the wedding season gets into full swing."

FINANCE

Parents set for money talks

WITH the recession making money-management an increasingly essential skill, more and more parents are passing good-practice tips on to their children.

Research carried out by Capital One found that 72 per cent of parents in the South East plan to have a financial chat with their youngsters this summer.

While many said that passing on money-saving advice would help their children in the future, almost half of all parents in the region (47 per cent) said they did not know what basic terms like 'APR' (Annual Percentage Rate) or 'PPI' (Payment Protection Insurance) stood for.

Capital One's Brian Cole said: "It's encouraging to see that during difficult financial times, financial education is high on parents' agenda. We hope that our Credit Made Clearer programme will arm parents with the knowledge they need."

The advice is available via facebook.com/capitaloneuk.

EXPANSION

Falcon Forge forges ahead

ARCHITECTURAL metalwork firm Falcon Forge is set to spread its wings by launching a new design company.

The Edenbridge business's offshoot, Tercel Design, will specialise in creating bespoke upmarket furniture for interior designers and private customers.

Managing director Moira Dyson said: "Falcon Forge has successfully forged close links with a very wide customer base, right up to the likes of Arundel Castle and the Brompton Oratory in London."

"With Tercel Design, we're starting another new venture – based on some exciting new talent in the shape of a young designer working alongside a fabric specialist and glazier."

"Falcon Forge will be the manufacturing arm, with Tercel fronting it through its brand-new design studio."

Moira and partner Mike Dyson took over Falcon Forge four years ago and relocated the business from Caterham to Edenbridge, with help from Business Link.

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Bank's message to its customers: 'Come talk to us'

The BIG Interview

Banks have been accused of everything over the past years; from causing recession to starving ailing firms of cash until they fail. Not surprisingly, Warren Mulvihill, NatWest's regional director for commercial banking, has a different view. Business Week spoke with the man heading a team of 110 people looking after the county's small to medium firms as they plot a course for growth after the crash of 2007



WARREN Mulvihill makes no attempt to claim times are not tough for Kent businesses.

But he insists we are turning the corner.

"Kent's role in the national economy is rather underrated – perhaps because it still has that Garden of England label," he said. "But I think we are more of an engine room than the rest of the nation thinks. We are close to London, which perhaps helps us punch harder economically, though it might mean being overshadowed by our neighbour, too."

"Despite the national situation, Kent is already making headway against strong winds. Nationally, though, the next couple of years are still going to be tough, especially as Government austerity measures start to bite, but they should foster sustainable growth from late 2012/early 2013."

"I went into NatWest straight from school 29 years ago, so I remember the previous recession, but it's been different this time. There are many global factors in play and it can be unsettling to hear so many opinions on how we got there and how we get out."

"In the recession of the late 80s and early 90s, Britain was hit hard by high interest rates. This time rates are very low, but prices from raw materials and services have been going up and turnover is low, slowing the recovery."

Asked why the banks don't seem to be playing their part in lending to help firms out of the downturn – a downturn some say the banks created – Mulvihill insists that banks have never been only about lending money.

"We are also there to protect and enhance business and help them through troubled times," he said. "Our simple message is: 'Talk to us'."

"People now have the mindset that banks are only doing business for themselves; that they have withdrawn from the SME lending market particularly, but we are very much open for business."

"The difference now is that we are committed to working in partnership with local businesses. Our aim is to help them achieve their ambitions by tailoring a strategy and finance package to suit them individually, using a wide array of funding and business solutions, and then to be around to ensure that things stay on track."

"Sometimes it's not about borrowing, but more restructuring. The recession followed a period of great expansion and growth, when maybe people took their eye off the ball financially."

"The team has years of knowledge and understanding and can recognise when custom-

ers need specialist help and support. It's a rare organisation that is not constantly looking for more value for money and to make its money work as hard as possible. Our aim is to ensure our customers are efficient and risk-free as possible and help them reach their full potential."

"We also have a lot of experience within our business team – there is myself and five area directors plus 60 relationship managers – so we are adept at picking up signs of stress in a company."

"We know which sectors are fairing best: health and farming are looking good, manufacturing has had a tough time but is tipped to do well, and franchising is healthy because lots of people are keen to try running their own business."

"We weigh everything on its merits, but it's also fair to say, as a bank, we have a responsibility to provide our customers with the right products and the right services at the right time."

He is also keen to dispel 'ivory tower' allegations made against banking: "We make a point of talking to local accountants and professionals and have met five MPs from across our area this year, and had some fantastic feedback."

Mulvihill is also proud that his team has thrown itself behind NatWest's community initiative, helping with school projects and a 100km charity walk, while many have taken key roles as sports coaches or school governors.

Indeed, many are only too happy to exchange the stereotypical banker's suit and don T-shirt, shorts and trainers in a good cause – a sharp contrast to when Mulvihill started with NatWest.

"I was working at the counter on a particularly hot day, so I took off my jacket, only for my manager to tell me off: 'You're not a waiter, are you! Put that jacket back on'."

"Nevertheless, it was hard for me to see banking as stuffy because my first branch was in London's trendy King's Road, with celebrities regularly to be seen around the local area."

"But it's a far more interesting industry today anyway, attracting a wider range of characters than you would think, while the business itself is very much about people and relationships."

Though based in modern offices in Dartford, far removed from his first branch counter, Mulvihill rarely has time to savour views of the nearby Dartford Crossing as he travels 10,000-15,000 miles a year seeing customers and contacts.

He lives in Welling with wife Joanne and young daughters Lucy and Abigail. He's a keen golfer and angler in his spare time – the Dartford view also includes a carp lake – and a passionate season-ticket-holder at West Ham United.

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Firms take up chance to showcase services at Business Week Live

MORE than 70 per cent of stands at Archant KOS Media's annual Business Week Live networking event have been booked – proving business is booming in the county.

The one-day exhibition, which gives Kent firms the chance to showcase their skills and services to thousands of business owners, managers and entrepreneurs, will feature a wide range of workshops, speed networking sessions, and guest speeches.

Unlike other business events, Archant KOS Media has split its stands into dedicated areas, giving visitors the chance to seek out with ease the industries they are most interested in.

These zones include International Business, and Manufacturing.

The Manufacturing Zone and Manufacturing Forum, a new addition to the Business Week Live event, have been co-ordinated by The Partnership for Profit Improvement.

Spokesman Peter King said: "The Manufacturing Zone concept was created for last year's show and the Forum is a natural extension.

"The designated manufacturing area works as manufacturers can mix with fellow industry professionals rather than mixed traders that are possibly of no immediate benefit or relevance.

"The Forum, which will feature guest speakers, will give industry experts the platform to explain the business opportunities available for all."

The Partnership was established 13 years ago with a view to bring together like-minded business with complementary skills to improve their competitiveness and to provide customers with a seamless service and a single point of contact.

Business Week Live takes place at the Dover Cruise Exhibition Centre of Wednesday, October 26.

■ For more information email **Sallie Payne** at **sallie.payne@archant.co.uk**.

Keep Kent Working!

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Careers advice kit for schools

A TOOLKIT created by Medway Youth Trust has been launched nationally to help all schools commission independent careers guidance and student support services.

From next year schools will be under a new legal duty to secure impartial advice for their students, which is currently provided by the local authority-funded Connexions service.

Medway Youth Trust chief executive Graham Clewes said: "This is the first time leaders in most schools will have needed to think about careers guidance in the context of commissioning rather than being partners in a publicly-funded service.

"We have kept headteachers and principals in Medway fully informed as government policy has developed. This practical toolkit extends that support but also responds to requests for support from institutions outside of Medway."

The toolkit guides schools and academies through a six-step cycle to securing careers services and includes tips to help schools focus their resources efficiently.

Work experience at power station

EDF Energy has offered work experience placements at Dungeness B power station to 10 students.

The two-week arrangement is part of a long-standing relationship the energy firm has with schools which specialise in science, technology, engineering, and maths subjects.

Each student has been given at least one employee at the station who they will shadow throughout their placement.

Dungeness B director Graham Finn said: "We are proud of the strong working relationship we have with local schools.

"This is our way of giving something back to the community and hopefully inspiring the next generation of budding nuclear scientists and engineers."

EDF Energy also runs a modern apprenticeship scheme at all its nuclear power stations, and will be taking on six new recruits at Dungeness B this month. The programme runs for four years, with the first two years spent at Royal Navy bases near Portsmouth.

Apprenticeship drive past halfway marker

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

MORE than 50 businesses have already signed up to Medway Council's challenge to provide 100 apprenticeships in 100 days.

The authority has joined forces with the National Apprenticeship Service to run the campaign, which aims to increase the number of firms willing to offer young people the chance to gain trade skills while earning a wage.

Jack Humphrey, 16, and Harri Stevenson, 18, are the two latest apprentices to have benefited from the scheme, having been taken on by the Strood-based haulage firm R Swain and Sons.

Harri said: "Doing an apprenticeship sets you up for a career and a future with a company.

"Finding work can be really difficult at my age. I think this scheme's a good idea as it will encourage employers to take on apprentices. I think young people can offer a lot to a business, as we grow to know it inside out."

Jack added: "I think it's important young people do an apprenticeship instead of going straight into work because you get a qualification and a good grounding in a company, their values, and the way they work.

"It's something my family have done and I'm looking forward to following in their footsteps."

Harri and Jack will be supported in their apprenticeship by Mainstream Training, which will help them gain their full HGV driving licences as well as qualifications in numeracy and literacy.

R Swain and Sons commercial director Paul Burridge said: "Apprentices are the future of

our company and indeed our industry.

"All our apprentices gain a recognised qualification and at the same time get some real hands-on experience, from washing vehicles on their first day to gaining a fully-fledged HGV licence and a position with the firm."

The Medway 100 in 100 Apprenticeship Challenge launched in May and is aimed at encouraging more businesses in the towns to take on apprentices and realise the benefits they can bring to their company.

There are currently more than 1,500 apprentices in Medway with about 200 different courses on offer.

This is expected to increase in the coming years as the statutory age for young people to remain in education increases from 16 to 17 in 2013, and then to 18 in 2015.

Medway Council leader Cllr Rodney Chambers said: "This campaign is about reviving and championing the esteemed tradition of apprenticeships that were once at the heart of developing our local workforce here in Medway.

"I'm pleased to

see so many businesses pledging support, and some already reaping the many benefits apprenticeships bring."

Visit www.medway.gov.uk for more information about the support offered to businesses who would like to take on an apprentice.



What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email steve.knight@archant.co.uk or give him a call on 01303 817136.

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Young inventors win enterprise award for 'Safelet' attack alarm

AN ATTACK alarm disguised as a bracelet has won a team of Ramsgate youngsters top honours in a business enterprise competition.

Known as the 'safelet', the device can be easily activated at the first sign of trouble to stun an attacker and make other people aware of trouble.

It was designed by Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School Federation students Carys Williams, Mairead Cullen, Lily Wrist, Georgia Gibbs,

Laura Saad and Emily Gore.

A team of judges were impressed with the idea and named the team's effort the 'Enterprise of the Year' in the Barclays Bank competition.

Another team from the same school took the honours for best written presentation for their product idea – Sunswipe.

Sunswipe is a wipe that contains suntan lotion, and which would be distributed in key locations such as theme parks and other visitor attrac-

tions to stop people burning.

The designers were Caitlin Spooner, Mary Turner, Chloe Wells, Natalie Renwick, Edie Plummer, Megan Gray and Rebecca Glanville.

Assistant headteacher Matthew Morley said: "This is a fantastic achievement.

"The girls in both teams clearly identified a gap in the market for their niche products and used a great deal of creativity in their design and presentation."

Construction prize for NCC apprentice

A YOUNG apprentice from Maidstone has been honoured at the National Construction College's annual awards.

Daniel Berkhauer, 25, who works for Ashford-based Sandells Maintenance, won the Year 2 flooring award at the college's Erith campus in front of friends, family members and industry representatives.

The college is the training division of CITB-ConstructionSkills, of which Andy Walder is deputy chairman.

He said: "As Europe's largest construction training provider, we work closely with employers to meet their training needs and pride ourselves on delivering specialist training that will give businesses a competitive edge to help them succeed and grow.

"Training and providing highly skilled apprentices, who are the lifeblood of our industry, is a key part of this so we are delighted to celebrate their achievements.

"Their apprenticeship, taught by highly-skilled instructors in top-class facilities, will be the best introduction they could wish for into our exciting sector.

"We wish them well and are confident they will go on to become the future success stories of our industry."

The National Construction College is Europe's largest construction training provider, delivering courses at eight sites and additional venues for up to 25,000 learners every year.

Key account manager for NCC South, Steve



WINNER: Daniel Berkhauer, 25, from Maidstone

Maslin, said: "Our apprentices are testament to the fact there are still good opportunities out there for young recruits, and we call on local businesses to support this vital pool of talent.

"Apprentices not only ensure a loyal workforce is developed with the skills your business needs, but they also help ensure the industry avoids skills shortages in the future by securing talent now.

"With a long-standing reputation and experienced staff, the NCC is well-placed to deliver the training needs of the sector."

Teacher training programme gets 'outstanding' praise from Ofsted

A SCHEME which recruits, trains and places graduate teachers to work in challenging schools has been rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

The programme is delivered in Kent by Canterbury Christ Church University in partnership with the independent charity Teach First.

Ofsted inspectors highlighted the graduates' "outstanding progress and attainment", adding that "even in their first year of training they are well

on their way to becoming inspirational teachers, and some already are."

They also highlighted the "well-targeted support" provided by Christ Church tutors, which includes a high level mentoring scheme and tracking system.

Dr John Moss, dean of the faculty of education, said: "Canterbury Christ Church was Teach First's original university partner, designed the initial teacher training pro-

gramme with Teach First, supported Teach First in rolling out the national programme, and has been responsible for training a high proportion of the Teach First trainees trained to date.

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18.5 hours per week, all year
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To raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Programme Area.

Closing date: 10th August 2011

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CATERING ASSISTANTS X 2

To undertake cooking, catering, cleaning and cashier duties within the Service Industries Division.

FULL TIME POST:
£12,828 - £13,633 FOR 37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

PART TIME POST:
£9,534 - £10,133 FOR 27.5 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

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Closing date for the above posts:
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COMMUNITY GUIDANCE ADVISORS X 2

FIXED TERM UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2012

To operate a client-centred vocational guidance programme providing a comprehensive information, advice and guidance service on employment, training, education and self-employment opportunities, for potential and existing students

FULL TIME POST:
£15,000 WITH TARGET ACHIEVEMENT RISING TO £21,900
FOR 37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

PART TIME POST:
£7,500 WITH TARGET ACHIEVEMENT RISING TO £10,950
FOR 18.5 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

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Career opportunities at MidKent College
Earn while you learn!

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding apprentices in the following areas:

Business Administration	Youth Workers	Hair Technician
Electronic Engineering Technician	Job Shop Assistants (Recruitment)	

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from gaining their first NVQ Qualification whilst working in a stimulating environment. Successful candidates will work towards the apprenticeship framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject area.

Training allowance: £6,314 per annum plus reward bonus upon successful completion of the NVQ Qualification.

Advert closing date: 12 noon Thursday 18 August 2011
Interviews scheduled to begin week commencing 29 August 2011
Anticipated start date of employment: 12 September 2011

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT



RAISING ASPIRATIONS - DEVELOPING SKILLS - DELIVERING QUALITY

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

SKILLS PRACTITIONER - MOTOR VEHICLE

To provide Learning/Technical support to staff and students and undertake assessment and quality assurance duties as required by the College and awarding bodies

SALARY SCALE:

£8,567 - £10,123 FOR 18.5 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

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Wednesday 10th August 2011**

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LECTURER IN EARLY YEARS

28 hours per week, all year

Salary: £19,365 - £22,858

To teach a range of subjects to a high quality on Early Years programmes across the range of levels

PROGRAMME LEADER IN EARLY YEARS FIXED TERM UNTIL 30 JUNE 2012 TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE

37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

SALARY: £29,413 - £34,817

To deliver high quality teaching and learning, lead the effective co-ordination and development of programmes and take a lead role in the planning and delivery of specified programmes within the Programme Area.

Closing date: 10 August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: EYC001

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We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

REGISTRY ASSISTANT

To be responsible for assisting the Registrations Team Leader with maintaining student data in the College MIS.

SCALE:

£15,980 - £17,791

FOR 37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

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**Closing date for the above posts:
Wednesday 17th August 2011**

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SENIOR TEACHING AND LEARNING FACILITATOR - ENGLISH

An exciting and challenging new position is available for the post of Senior Teaching and Learning Facilitator.

This person will be responsible for co-ordinating cross-college delivery of GCSE English and Functional Skills

37 hours per week

Salary: £33,917 to £38,358

SENIOR TEACHING AND LEARNING FACILITATOR - MATHS

An exciting and challenging new position is available for the post of Senior Teaching and Learning Facilitator.

This person will be responsible for co-ordinating cross-college delivery of GCSE Maths and Functional Skills

37 hours per week

Salary £33,917 to £38,358

Closing date for both posts: Wednesday 17 August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

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LECTURER IN MOTOR VEHICLE

A lecturer is required to deliver high quality education and training, to support students and trainees effectively (including individual and group tutorials), and to further develop the Engineering and Computing curriculum.

Salary Scale:

£25,589 - £30,205 for 37 hours per week all year

Closing date: Wednesday 10 August 2011

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Marketing and Communications Officer

Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 per annum (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Medway

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a talented, versatile and experienced communications professional to manage and further develop the College's excellent reputation. Duties will include writing press releases and the internal staff newsletter, handling press enquiries, updating the relevant areas of the College website, some social media and e-Marketing work, and responsibility for certain aspects of the Crisis Management strategy.

Hourly Paid Lecturers in History and Sociology Ref: SE485

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Maidstone

Sessional lecturers are required to teach on our successful one-year History and/or Sociology A-level courses at Oakwood Park Maidstone. The successful candidates will also be required to teach these subjects at level 3 on our Access to Higher Education Diploma and Youth University Progression qualifications. We are looking, in particular, for someone who is committed to excellence in teaching and has had experience in teaching A-levels. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Hourly Paid Lecturer in Catering and Hospitality Ref: SE137

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Medway

We are looking to appoint a passionate individual to teach on a variety of practical catering qualifications, facilitating student learning and achievement. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Hourly Paid Lecturer in Media Ref: SE510

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Maidstone

The successful candidate will contribute to the delivery of Media programmes, providing curriculum tutorial support as required. A Degree or HND in a Media Discipline and a creative attitude coupled with excellent communication skills is essential. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday 24 August 2011

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

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PLANNING

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA//11/00754/FUL: 4 Abbots Place, Canterbury, CT1 2AH Replacement uPVC window to rear of dwelling. Applicant: Rev M Forrester Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//11/01132/FUL: 10-11 Marlowe Arcade, Canterbury, CT1 2TJ Installation of three sun canopies. Applicant: Mr Stevanovic Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//11/01151/FUL: 27 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5PJ Replacement front door. Applicant: Miss Rowland Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//11/01247/FUL: Plot 2, Land adjacent Calcott Hall, Calcott Hill, Sturry, CT3 4ND Erection of dwelling and garage. Applicant: Mr Harrison Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA//11/01253/FUL: Plot 1, Land adjacent to Calcott Hall, Calcott Hill, Sturry Retention with alterations of dwelling and erection of garage. Applicant: Mr Harrison Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA//11/01260/FUL: 17 Norfolk Street, Whitstable, CT5 4HB Dormer window to rear of dwelling. Applicant: Mr Wilson Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//11/01268/LB: Charlton Park, Rose Lane, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5JA External alterations. Applicant: Mrs Twigg Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA//11/01282/TAM: Old Dover Road, S/O 23 Oaten Hill, Canterbury, CT1 3HY Installation of telecommunications cabinet. Applicant: Openreach Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 29 August 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 5 August 2011

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on
01303 817044**

Public Notice

7 August 2011



The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

The above regulations require each local authority to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places on a regular four-yearly cycle. This review will be undertaken by the city council over the next few months.

We are looking for feedback on any aspect of polling districts and/or the polling stations currently used and invite representation and comments from interested people.

Local political parties and councillors will be consulted. Views are invited from electors within the parliamentary constituencies of Canterbury and North Thanet (Part) and anyone having particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

Representations must include proposals for alternative polling places and be sent in writing to arrive by 9am on 7 September 2011 to Electoral Services (Polling Places Review), Canterbury City Council, Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or alternatively e-mail electoral.services@canterbury.gov.uk

Information on the current arrangements can be found on the council's website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/elections. If you require a copy to be sent to you please contact Electoral Services at the address above. You can also phone 01227 862 006 and ask for Lyn McDaid.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02099/HOUSE The Cowshed Great Nineveh Farm, Benenden
Two solar panels each 1.5 x 1.0m mounted side by side in the southwest facing rear valley roof (LB)

11/02103/LBC The Cowshed Great Nineveh Farm, Benenden
Listed Building Consent: Installation of 2 solar panels each 1.5 x 1.0m mounted side by side in the southwest facing rear valley roof (LB)

11/02071/LBC School House High Street, Bidborough
Listed Building Consent: Refurbishment of store room (LB)

11/02126/LBC The Chalet Franks Hollow Road, Bidborough
Listed Building Consent: Blocking up of external door to utility room. Removal of two inserted timber/stud walls on ground floor forming current bathroom (LB)

11/02217/FUL The Branches Part OS Plot 8642 Petteridge Lane, Branchley
Retrospective - Temporary change of use of land from agriculture, to use for residential purposes and stationing of a mobile home for residential purposes and touring caravan for a period of three years - to find alternative accommodation for Mrs Celia Cooper (PROW)

11/01987/LBC Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
Listed Building Consent - two boiler flues through existing openings to barn wall and restore existing damaged and deteriorated wall which works have already started (LB)

11/02048/FUL Cranbrook Engineering Ltd Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
Temporary erection of a wooden decking on which to serve coffee. Temporary change of use from car park to A3 (CA) (LB)

11/02173/LBC The Old Bakery The Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
Listed Building Consent: internal alterations and refurbishment and fitting of external lamps (works already commenced) (LB)

11/02177/HOUSE Hill House The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
Remove existing 1940's-1950's female toilet block to rear between main house and medieval clothier work hall; repair fabric and restore as much as possible to original state; remove rear single door from rear wall of entrance hallway and replace with centrally positioned pair of partly glazed doors to gardens; replace protective railings and set on rendered brickwork to accommodate sloping frontage; replace existing 20th century balusters to staircase first/second floor (LB) (CA)

11/02135/HOUSE 29A Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
Rear roof extension; enlarge rear utility window; infill utility side door (CA)

11/02110/HOUSE The Old Vicarage Rogers Rough Road, Goudhurst
Loft conversion with two roof lights to side elevation and two to the rear elevation (LB)

11/02147/LBC Little Combourn Farmhouse Jarvis Lane, Goudhurst
Listed Building Consent: Link extension to converted outbuilding to provide permanent cover for swimming pool (LB)

11/01815/FUL Marlborough House School High Street, Hawkhurst
Solar panels to roof (LB)

11/01816/LBC Marlborough House School High Street, Hawkhurst
Listed Building Consent - Solar panels to roof (LB)

11/01991/HOUSE Rioja Talbot Road, Hawkhurst
Log cabin in garden to east side of dwelling (LB)

11/02172/HOUSE Pippins The Slade, Lamberhurst
Amendment to TW10/04080/HOUSE to include raising of existing roof, two additional velux windows to north west elevation, 10 additional solar panels to south west elevation and single storey extension to north west elevation (LB)

11/02136/HOUSE 9 Claremont Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
Dormer window to rear elevation (CA)

11/02095/HOUSE Edge Hill Camden Park, Park
Loft conversion and dormers, including balcony (CA)

11/02064/HOUSE 50 Pennington Road Southborough, Southborough North
Alterations to doors/windows at lower ground and ground floor, changes to fenestration to existing rear extension including new roof lantern. New soil stack to side elevation (CA)

11/02084/HOUSE Newhaven London Road, Southborough North
Extension and alterations to provide a single storey garden room at the rear of the house (CA) (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting A Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planning.comments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatories, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe Head of Planning Services Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN11 1RS
Dated: 06 August 2011



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/AS/0269/2011 - Proposed development at Wyvern Multi Agency Specialist Hub (MASH), The Wyvern School, Great Chart Bypass, Ashford, Kent, TN23 4ER.

Kent County Council Property Group are applying to Kent County Council (as County Planning Authority) for planning permission for revised proposal for the Multi Agency Specialist Hub (originally granted planning permission under consent AS/10/380) including a reduction in building footprint with consequential changes to floor plans and elevations; roof structure and materials changes; alteration of external facing brick; and details of proposed landscaping and boundary treatment.

You may view this application at the following locations: -

- Ashford Borough Council, Central Reception in the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford
- The Gateway Centre, 14 Park Mall, Ashford
- Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden

KCC/SW/0271/2011 - Proposed development at the former St Bartholomew's School, Attlee Way, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2HE.

Kent County Council Property Group are applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for a revised proposal for the Multi Agency Specialist Hub (originally granted planning permission under consent reference SW/10/334) including a reduction in building footprint with consequential changes to floor plans and elevations, roof structure and material changes, and details of proposed landscaping and boundary treatment.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

KCC/TH/0275/2011 - Proposed development at Garlinge Multi Agency Specialist Hub (MASH) at land annexed from Garlinge Primary School and Nursery, Westfield Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 5PA.

Kent County Council Property Group are applying to Kent County Council (as County Planning Authority) for planning permission for revised proposal for the Multi Agency Specialist Hub (originally granted planning permission under consent TH/10/227) including a reduction in building footprint with consequential changes to floor plans and elevations; roof structure and materials changes; and details of proposed landscaping and boundary treatment including the addition of landscaping spoil bunds.

You may view this application at Thanet District Council, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0324/2011 - Proposed development at St Mary of Charity C of E Primary School, Orchard Place, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8AP.

St Mary of Charity C of E Primary School is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the conversion of an existing hard playground area into a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and additional staff car parking. The proposed development is within the Faversham Conservation Area and could affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT, or at the Faversham Area Office, Alexandra Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8NZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 6th August 2011



PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/11/0732/S - MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL, HERMITAGE LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9QQ - Clearance of trees and reduction of land levels to form an extension to the existing car park. Works to include drainage and lighting. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0819/S - CLOCK HOUSE, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4PB - Erection of 58, 240w solar pv panels each 1662mm x 900mm in three rows and installation of an inverter. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0863/N - RINGLESTONE FARMHOUSE, RINGLESTONE ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1NX - Partly retrospective application for the change of use of building from C1 (hotel) to C3 (dwellinghouse) and extension to existing building. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1078/S - 13, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8HG - Planning application for the erection of a three storey medical centre and 10 dwellings together with associated landscaping and access. **Reason: 6, 9**

MA/11/1102/N - HONYWOOD FARM, WEST STREET, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2EP - Conversion and change of use of existing workshop building to create holiday lets (3 units) and erection of a replacement single storey tractor/agricultural store. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1105/N - 1, BOXLEY OAST, THE STREET, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DR - Erection of a single storey outbuilding to be used as a workshop. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1109/S - DUNBURY FARM, CHART HILL ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0DE - Retrospective application for listed building consent for the erection of a front porch. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- Application is Major Development.
- Application does not accord with the Local Plan.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **21st August 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 7th August 2011

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

GRANARY COURT ROAD, SMEETH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Granary Court Road, Smeeh, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Plain Road and Pound Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

ST MARGARET ROAD, DARTFORD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St Margaret Road, Dartford between Holmesdale Hill and Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gills Road, Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Roman Villa Road and Holmesdale Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of gas main.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

ALBERT ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albert Road, Deal, on or after 9 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Middle Deal Road and the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Albert Road, London Road, West Street and Western Road.

BRIDGE STREET, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to clear a blocked duct in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting **northbound** through traffic on Bridge Street, Dover, on or after 9 August 2011 for up to 2 evenings or until the works have been completed.

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It is planned the works will be carried out between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm each evening, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

Traffic from Bridge Street into London Road and Tower Hamlets will be unaffected.

HIGH STREET, EASTRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

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The road will be closed between Woodnesborough Lane and the village car park.

The alternative route is via Sandwich Road,

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ST GEORGE'S ROAD & WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

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Because of cabling works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St George's Road & West Street, Deal, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

WEST STREET will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St George's Road.

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The alternative route is via Duke Street, (Union Road in reverse), High Street, Stanhope Road and West Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, EWELL MINNIS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Ewell Minnis, on or after 23 August 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

BELSEY LANE will be closed between the junctions with Warren Lane and Greenwich Lane.

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The alternative route is via Warren Lane, Ferne Lane and Newcastle Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (RURAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

WOOTTON LANE, WOOTTON will be closed from the junction with Stockham Lane to Selsted Primary School from 8 August for 1 day.

The alternative route is via Stockham Lane, A260 Canterbury Road, Denton Lane and Wootton Lane

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The alternative route is via A258 Deal Road, Burgess Green

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The alternative route is via A257 Gobery Hill, A257 Roman Road, A257 Pedding Hill, Nash Road, Preston Road, Preston Hill

B2046 ADISHAM ROAD, WINGHAM will be closed near the junction with A257 High Street, from 15 August for 1 night

The alternative route is via A257 High Street, Gobery Hill, Roman Road, Ash Bypass, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A256 Eastry Bypass, Whitfield Bypass, A2, B2046 Adisham Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 DETLING HILL/SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING/THURNHAM) (TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the northbound carriageway of Detling Hill/Sittingbourne Road between the existing permanent 50mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road to the Detling Aerodrome Approach Road

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HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHURCH STREET, SHOREHAM - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Street, Sevenoaks between Shoreham Place and Darenth Way.

The Order will become effective on 22nd August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, High Street, Pilgrims Way West, Twitton Lane and Filston Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new electrical supply.

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The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Oakdene Road and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway overlay.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

PAINTER'S FORSTAL ROAD, OSPRINGE & CHAMPION COURT ROAD, NEWNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

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The alternative route is via Sharsted Hill, The Street, Faversham Road, and Straight Hill (Homestall Road).

PRIORY ROAD, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priory Road, Faversham, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity the junction with Bysing Wood Road / Dark Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Davington Hill and Priory Road.

THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

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To enable safe access to the overhead cable network to restore service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Throwley Road, Throwley, on or after 12 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Almshouse Road and a point south of the access leading to Park Farm.

The alternative route is via Throwley Road, Leaveland Belles Forstal, A251 Ashford Road and Bagshill Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

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Because of the excavation of trial holes in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nash Road, Margate, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside 1 & 2 New Cottages. There will be no through access between the junctions with Star Lane and Shottendane Road.

The alternative routes are

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Gary and Sara welcome the birth of their son Jack David Mallion, born on 18th June, 2011, weighing 6lb 5oz.

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Harry Michael was born on 24th July, 2011, to very proud parents Matthew Maughan and Louise Read from Hersden, Kent.

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DEATHS**BIRD**

Katherine Edith Bird sadly passed away on 27th July, 2011, aged 87. Dearly loved mother of William, John, Jocelyn, Mary, Sue, Robert, Annabel and Cherrie. Katherine was a very proud grandmother of 24 and great grandmother of 43. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Biddenden, on 12th August, 2011, at 10.30am - all welcome. All enquiries to Doves at Staplehurst.

CRAPPER

Rod Crapper of Sturry, Canterbury, passed away peacefully at home on 22nd July. Loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral to be arranged, via Co-Op in Canterbury.

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THE INTERVIEW

Bunmi Mojekwu

Mercy dash to Hollywood for Enders' Bunmi

Fast-rising star on why she's happy to leave Albert Square to find fame in Tinseltown

THE sky is the limit for an actress from Medway as she relinquishes a coveted place on hit soap *EastEnders* to head for Hollywood and beyond. Bunmi Mojekwu, from Strood, has been in the show for the last 18 months but is setting her sights on making it as a top star.

The 22-year-old plays Mercy in the BBC One production, having joined it from internet spin-off series E20.

She said: "I got sent to the auditioning for E20. Lots of people were going for places, but the directors just couldn't find the person that they wanted for the role."

"I went in for auditions and I got some call-backs – it was a really long process and I thought there was no way I would get the part."

"It was crazy when I finally got a place on E20, but I also knew that I was never meant to go on to the main show, too."

"When the directors approached and asked me to be in the full *EastEnders*, and to have story-lines as well, it was a dream come true."

The former St Simon Stock School in Maidstone pupil started acting at 17 after a stint at a Saturday drama college in London.

She said: "It was just a little weekend thing. It turned out to be the right place at the right time because they had just started an agency there. I got put on to the list, started getting auditions and things just went from there, really."

Mojekwu moved down to Strood from Brixton when she was a teenager, and her appearances in *EastEnders* have seen a fan base develop.

She said: "It is bizarre as people feel like they know you because the show is so popular. When you go out they tend to gravitate towards you and speak to you like they have known you for years."

"Of course it is nice at times, but sometimes if you really just want to run into the shops quickly it can get a bit difficult. It's never a five-minute run any more – it takes half an hour trying to get through people, but that's cool."

"I am asked for pictures and autographs, especially around here because people know I live in Kent, so there is more of a buzz from locals."

Mojekwu is of Nigerian decent and plays troubled immigrant Mercy Olubunmi in *EastEnders* alongside some of British TV's biggest stars. And, despite performing in *Gone Too Far* at The Royal Court Theatre in London aged just 17, and going on to star in Channel Four's *Misfits* and ITV's *The Bill*, she still gets a little star-struck on set.

She said: "I am cool with a lot of people, like Christian – see, I still call him by his character's name. That's bad. But sometimes I am just sitting there and Steve McFadden is sitting next to me, it is so crazy."

"That's when I thought 'Oh my god, this is actually real' and it all really started to kick in. It was life-changing."

But the actress, who has completed a business and media degree at Kingston University, is highly ambitious and setting her sights on moving away from one of the world's biggest soaps and finding new challenges.

She said: "Leaving was kind of a mutual thing



AMBITIOUS: Bunmi Mojekwu, left, as Mercy in *EastEnders*, is ready for fresh challenges after soap stint

– it was coming towards the end of the character's journey. I felt it was time for me to come off the back of this and challenge myself before I became a bit too rooted in the show."

"I didn't want that to happen, so I definitely feel comfortable coming out of *EastEnders* now. I have gained enough exposure and I want to move on to bigger things."

Soap stars often have the never-say-never attitude to returning and many will be recycled in years to come, with fresh story-lines offering a way back in for out-of-work actors.

But Mojekwu is determined that once she leaves Albert Square she will make her own way in the acting business.

She said: "I have a couple of things lined up – we are in talks at the moment, so I am crossing my fingers and waiting for the green light."

"Although I love *EastEnders*, I wouldn't

return – I am not a believer in going backwards. I like to go forwards and that chapter is definitely closed, but I had a great time there."

Mojekwu's Nigerian background has also earned her fame in the West African nation and the Medway performer is planning on making an appearance there at some point.

She said: "They have a thing called Nollywood, so I would like to do that and then Hollywood and Bollywood... all the woods!"

And Mojekwu has the belief that she can go all the way to the top, as even from an early age she knew what she wanted to do.

"I have always wanted to do something related to acting, but I didn't know how to do it. It was all just a dream."

"A lot of people tell me stories of how they got in, and I didn't really have to do as much as them – so I feel like it was meant to be."

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OPULENCE: The grand staircase onboard the Titanic demonstrated the huge sums spent on the ship

Relive the horror and wealth of the Titanic

By Marijke Cox

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RARE and unseen artefacts salvaged from the Titanic are being displayed in a moving exhibition at the Historic Dockyard Chatham.

Titanic Honour and Glory, voted as one of the top five exhibitions in the country, features emotive objects belonging to passengers and crew who were onboard the doomed vessel.

China dinner plates, which served the first meals aboard the ship, a fountain pen belonging to the captain, silverware, letters, linen and the crew's possessions, including an 18 carat gold pocket watch, which was owned by waiter Vincenzo Giliardino, a teddy bear belonging to an engineer, and a fur coat of one of the survivors, will also be on display.

Visitors can also see a silver pocket watch recovered by the Cable Ship Mackay Bennett, one of the first ships chartered to search for bodies in the aftermath of the tragedy. The watch stopped at 2.28am, just as the liner entered the icy water on the fateful night of April 15, 1912.

Alongside original artefacts are examples of the luxurious interiors of the Titanic's sister ships Olympic and Britannic, as well as props and costumes from James Cameron's 1997 Oscar-winning film Titanic, including costumes worn by Leonardo DiCaprio and Billy Zane.

The exhibition was the brainchild of Sean Szmalec and his partner Margot Corson.

Mr Szmalec's fascination with



JEWEL: Heart of the Ocean worn by Kate Winslet in Titanic

the Titanic began when he was aged five and he saw the film A Night to Remember.

He said: "This diverse exhibition appeals to so many people from all age groups. With the exhibition we aim to increase the knowledge of Titanic's history, that of her sister ships and the White Star Line, which owned and operated many of what were the finest liners that had ever sailed the oceans of the world."

"Each individual visitor to the exhibition will get a feeling of what it was like to have been on Titanic. The exhibition will take you on a voyage of discovery."

There's something about the Titanic story which evokes passion in people even after all this time.

"There are so many elements to it. There is the human side, the enormous loss of life, and the accounts of the survivors."

"There is the class system, which was strictly enforced even in the face of disaster,

which can be seen in the survivor statistics and which even at the time caused outcry."

"You have the bravery of the engineers who went to their deaths trying to do all they could, and the famous band which kept playing."

"Then there is the opulence of the ship itself and the claim that it was virtually unsinkable. It was very much an event which changed so much in the world and really came to symbolise the impending changes in society as World War One approached."

The display, which runs until September 30 in No 1 Smithery The Gallery at the dockyard, has come to Kent as part of its centenary tour in the run up to the 100th anniversary of the tragedy, which claimed the lives of 1,517 people.

Gail James, from the Historic Dockyard, said: "The exhibition hasn't been to Kent before despite all the maritime history, so we're really pleased it's here."

"We've just had it confirmed that the Heart of the Ocean worn by Kate Winslet in the film Titanic is going to be available for people to try on and have their photograph taken with from July 20."

An interactive dressing up area and the dockyard's own reproduction of Titanic's bow will enable visitors to recreate the famous scene featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet on the bow of the liner in the celebrated film.

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Sandwich sandwich filling obvious gap in the market

THE Fourth Earl of Sandwich was supposedly the first man to come up with the idea of placing something tasty between two slices of bread, but the connection with the town has rarely been exploited.

Now a new product has been created not only promoting east Kent, but local produce, too.

Michael Hancock, from Destination Alliances, who helped come up with the idea, said: "It started as a Sandwich tourism initiative. It is a not-for-profit company set up by three businesses in the town – The Bell Hotel, Sandwich Leisure Park and The Secret Gardens – along with a contribution from the town council.

"They wanted to promote the town but in a way that would also generate some income so it would be sustainable. The profit generated by selling the sandwiches will go back in to promoting the town."

The Sandwich Guild was created to come up with recipe ideas for the Sandwich sandwich and help market the product.

Each of the sandwiches is linked to a historical occupation and a place in the town. There are names such as the Bellman, Gardener and Wheelwright.

Mr Hancock said: "A lot of people don't realise there is an association between a sandwich and a place. There was a realisation that actually this had not been done before."

The guild wanted a high-end product that would reflect what it felt was best about the area.

Artisan baker Paul Hollywood (from TV's The Great British Bake Off) was brought in to help create a recipe for a traditional Kentish huffkin that would be the bread for the sandwich.

So far there are three flavours in the range: salted beef, cheese and chutney and pork and apple, all with added fine ingredients.

A fourth sandwich, connecting with the area's golfing heritage and called Caddy-master, will soon be available. All the ingredients come from within a 30-mile radius of Sandwich.

Mr Hancock said: "We have things like Kentish cobsnuts, local chutneys from Kent Fine Foods.

Ed Hill reports on the popular Cinque Port that's using its unique name as a selling point to promote the town



USING THEIR LOAF: The Sandwich Guild was created to come up with recipe ideas and to market the Sandwich sandwich

We are trading on the town of Sandwich, so the provenance of the food is key to the product."

The sandwiches were launched at the town's farmers' market in June, and locals were asked to try the new products and comment.

Mr Hancock said: "The reaction to tasting the sandwiches has been very enthusiastic. The feedback from food-producers in Kent is also very positive.

"We now have other businesses who want to get involved and who want to create their own sandwiches."

The napkins the sandwiches are packaged in will be printed with information about the town.

A competition has also been created so people can come up with their own recipes.

The ultimate winner will share in a portion of the profits made from the sales. And the group behind the new snack has big plans for the brand.

Mr Hancock said: "We are planning to launch more sandwiches in the coming months. The next phase for us is to finalise the commercial production and get local businesses to sell them.

"The Bell Hotel and Secret Gardens have started and we want to increase that, but ultimately we would like to get them into the larger retailers and supermarkets so we can get the revenue."

■ **To find out how you can enter the Sandwich sandwich competition, visit www.createyourperfectionssandwich.com**

Farmers' markets

Dartford

THE farmers' market is held in the pedestrian area of Dartford high street and open to the public between 10am and 2pm on the third Friday of the month. Produce available includes meat, bread, plants and preserves.

Mersham

A MARKET is now held at the Farriers Arms, Mersham Forstal, between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on every second and fourth Friday of the month, featuring top-quality produce. It is a newcomer to the increasing number of markets but is proving very popular.

Horsmonden

HORSMONDEN farmers' market, held every other Friday, has some 20 stalls, covering a range of produce including meat, game, poultry, eggs, cheese, fruit and vegetables, bread, jams and pickles, honey, prepared pies, pastries, cakes and bakes.

Bridge

THE market at the Red Lion Inn, Bridge, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month aims to give shoppers the opportunity to buy high-quality, nutritious, fresh local food and drink which contributes to their well-being and protects their environment.

Hythe

HYTHE farmers' market was established in March 2004 and is now located in the Methodist church hall, between Chapel Street and Prospect Road. It is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10am to midday.

Elham

THE Elham market is held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the Rose and Crown pub, from 10am to midday. It offers a selection of fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, fresh meat, bread, cakes, honey, jams and wine.

■ **For more farmers' markets, visit www.farmersmarkets.org.uk**

Chain is strong but missing link leaves it shy of special

THE UK-wide restaurant group Table Table is one of the few chain eateries that I had never previously frequented.

I didn't even know there was one lying just off the Thanet Way in Herne Bay, so naturally I was curious to give it a try, even if I was a little late to the party.

The group, which was taken over by Whitbread in 2008, says it offers good food for good value, but I have heard this many times before from other, ostensibly similar, chains.

The first thing I noticed was the difference in décor and spacing compared with other chain restaurants.

There was no open space in which to cram as many covers as possible and the carefully-picked furniture just served to close in the tables for a more atmospheric and warm experience.

The first variation in this menu compared with other chains is that

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although it does offer the burger-and-chips-type main meals from under £5, the range is also spread to capture a more sophisticated diner.

My guest and I opted for one of the four starter platters, which provided a surprising Continental-style offering of

cured meats, baked Camembert, drunken cranberry compotes and pickled onions at a wholly fair £11.

For the main course I opted for a traditional slow-cooked lamb shank shepherd's pie at £9.75. This was accompanied by a side dish of carrots and tender stemmed broccoli. But it wasn't the tender meat sticking out of the mash that caught my eye, it was the back of the specials menu, which used a map of the UK to highlight the location from where the ingredients for this dish originated. A nice touch.

The meat and vegetables were delicious, although the mash was a little dry – other than that, it was a very good and filling meal. With a little more thought, it could have been excellent.

The dessert menu was again appetising and offered a wide selection of sweet and savoury treats, so we went

for the tasting plate at £5.50, opting for Eton mess, Belgian waffles smothered in chocolate and profiteroles.

The profiteroles were superb and I was assured the mess was superb as I only managed a small spoonful of it before it had disappeared. The waffles were a little hard and over-cooked but still tasty enough.

All in all, for the range of price and food choice, Table Table is perfect for family dinners and groups as nobody will be disappointed. With a little more attention to detail, the food could also compete for diners looking for something a bit special, too.

Joe Bill

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Hotel restaurants: Six of the Best



The Olive Tree Ramada Dover

Why here...

The new à la carte menu Olive Tree restaurant is open seven days a week offering a friendly ambience with 'live cooking' and a pianist on Thursday and Friday evenings. Free onsite parking.

On the menu...

An à la carte menu offers dishes selected by the international head chef. Italian Night is on Thursday, while Friday is Indian Spice Night. For Sunday lunch there is the carvery buffet.

How to book...

The Olive Tree Restaurant, Ramada Hotel Dover, Singledge Lane, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3EL 01304 872845
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Make a night of it for real taste of the easy life

TOP-CLASS hotels are not just about the bedroom, bar and spa facilities any more. Instead, customers who travel from far and wide to visit Kent need to be assured of a top-quality meal, too.

Walking along the downs or skimming stones over the sea is a surefire way to get up your appetite, and a good hotel restaurant with an excellent menu can be the most convenient and pleasurable way to satisfy hungry guests.

Hotel restaurants are no longer reserved strictly for the people staying within the building, and daytrippers and food connoisseurs look to put these eateries to the test.

Trying out new restaurants is more than just a pleasant way to spend a Friday evening, with more and more people

taking up the serious hobby of dining out weekly to try new venues and fresh dishes. This is action which hotels are determined to be a part of.

There is a growing number of hotel dining rooms associating themselves with top chefs or culinary celebrities as they look to attract custom from the street as well as the bedrooms upstairs.

The advantages of having a decent chef and superb menu within a hotel are there for all to see.

With a hotel eatery, there is no need for diners to worry about paying for a taxi home or having to limit the amount of wine they drink with their glorious meal. They can stay and make a night of it, finishing at their own leisure before wandering upstairs to a comfortable bed. Here are six of the best hotel restaurants from around the county.



The Waterfront Dover Marina

Why here...

The Waterfront restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. With its warm, friendly ambience and views over the Dover seafront, it makes an ideal venue for dining.

On the menu...

An à la carte menu offers a variety of dishes selected by the international head chef. For Sunday lunch there is an extensive Sunday carvery buffet, and on Thursday there is a pensioner's lunch menu.

How to book...

The Waterfront Restaurant, Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa, Waterloo Crescent, Dover CT17 9BP; phone 01304 203633
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The Orangery Cliftonville

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On the menu...

Choose from a set-price table d'hôte menu (three courses cost £19.95 for dinner, £15.95 for lunch) or an individually-priced à la carte menu. Our famous carvery runs every Sunday from midday to 3pm. Highlights for the summer include steak tartare and cannon of lamb.

How to book...

Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville CT9 2HL 01843 222310
www.orangeryrestaurant.co.uk

London Beach Tenterden

Why here...

The London Beach Country Hotel boasts a charming and sophisticated restaurant with a fantastic menu and panoramic views across the Weald of Kent. It is easy to find on the A28.

On the menu...

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How to book...

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Eastwell Manor Boughton Aluph

Why here...

A historic manor house with open fires and a warm welcome, set in magnificent gardens at the foot of the North Downs. The AA two-rossette restaurant run by a newly-appointed restaurant management team including head chef Carl Smith, offers a superb fine-dining experience. The wine list is an extensive collection from around the world. Start or finish your visit

in the relaxed atmosphere of The Manor cocktail bar.

On the menu...

Local seasonal produce is used to create an inspired mix of classic dishes with a modern touch. Table d'hôte menus are available for lunch at £15 for two courses and £20 for three courses. The à la carte menu serves both lunch and dinner. Classical Sunday lunch is a speciality.

How to book...

Eastwell Park, Boughton Lees, Ashford TN25 4HR 01233 213000
www.eastwellmanor.co.uk



Beachbrow Hotel Deal

Why here...

This small family-run hotel has welcoming, helpful and friendly staff as well as a superb restaurant and bar area which can boast beautiful sea views across the English Channel.

On the menu...

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Now the trust has introduced 'way-marking posts' to help walkers find their way along the 11.2 miles (18km) of accessible estate paths at Sissinghurst Castle, ensuring everyone can see the best of Sissinghurst. There are picturesque short and long walks with views over rolling countryside, tranquil lakes and streams, natural habitats and acres of ancient woodland teeming with wildlife.

The garden offers a sensory paradise for all and attracts visitors across the globe. It is set in the ruins of an Elizabethan mansion, with the iconic tower still standing, along with many of the boundary walls.

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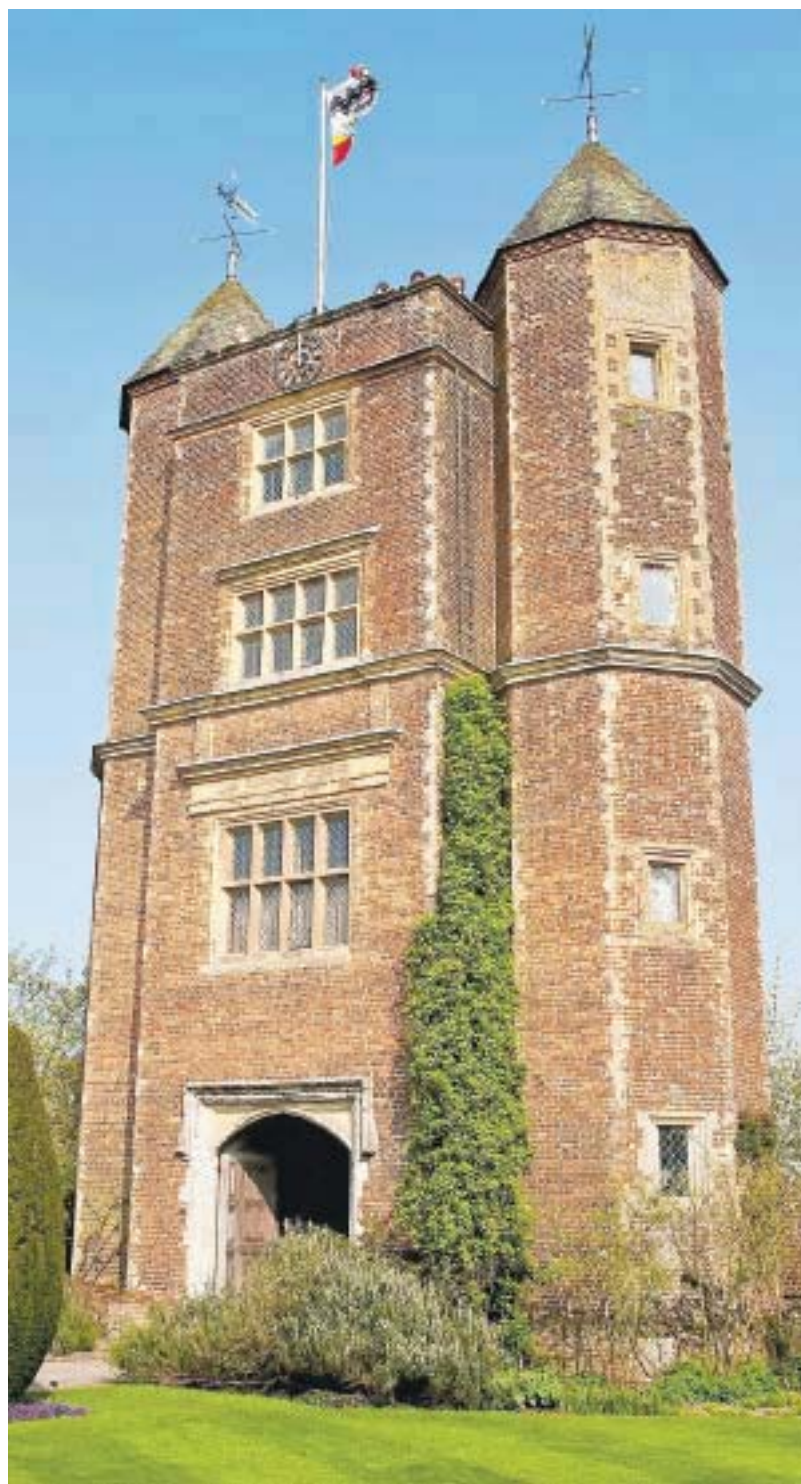
The newly-developed vegetable garden can be seen from the main garden and also from the many walks surrounding the estate. You can enjoy looking at and tasting the produce, both at the vegetable garden stall and also at the newly-refurbished Granary restaurant.

Throughout the summer holidays and also in the October half-term, Sissinghurst Castle will be running children's trails (there is an interactive map with fun activities to do at each given point) through the estate, making Sissinghurst the perfect family day out in the countryside.

For yet another reason to visit Sissinghurst Castle this year, come and see its biggest and arguably best event of the year, the Smallholding Fair on Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14.

Food writer and presenter Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall, of River Cottage Farm, is the star guest this year.

The fair will delight those who want to produce and rear their own food, as well as those who enjoy seeing and tasting local produce. There will be demonstrations from flour-milling to ferrets, and working horses and alpacas for the children to meet and enjoy.



VARIETY: A trip to explore Sissinghurst offers a wealth of outdoor and family fun to keep you entertained

Hugh will be joined by Sissinghurst residents Sarah Raven – a garden and cookery writer-presenter – and author Adam Nicolson, grandson of Vita Sackville West and Harold Nicolson, as well as other star guests.

Finally, for those who love food as well as fresh air, the Smallholding Fair will be showcasing the finest that The Weald has to offer, including a Kentish beer tent, a barbecue with locally-reared meat, traditional English tea tent and delicious handmade ice-creams.

The fair is open to all the public and costs £4 for adults and £1 for children.

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New village green's roots originate in New England

A COLLECTION of mature New England-style trees, up to 30 years old, has been planted at Holborough Lakes in Snodland, where developer Berkeley has begun work on the new village green.

The group of established oak, pine, maple and birch trees have all been selected to complement the style which has been adopted in the design of the development.

With the help of landscape architects Murdoch Wickham, a variety of trees was chosen typical to those found in New England, including the northern red oak, the most common of the red oak species in New England.

The silver maple is native to New England and is named after the light frosty-green colour of the undersides of its leaves. Thin petioles give the tree a shimmering effect in a light breeze.

To ensure the Berkeley quality standard, each tree is more than 10 years old, with the pin oak averaging 30 years old, thus creating an established avenue of trees that will lead to the new green open space.



Also chosen for their plethora of colours, the trees combine to offer a fusion of rich colour to create a beautiful scene in the autumn – something for which the region of New England is famous worldwide.

The red maple is best known for its brilliant deep scarlet foliage, while the Himalayan birch complements with leaves that turn golden-yellow during the autumn.

John Murdoch, of Murdoch Wickham,

said: "The new village green will provide the whole community with a perfect place to enjoy the great outdoors, creating a great place for a family picnic, local event and communal activities."

"The introduction of the extensive range of mature trees rather than using young saplings demonstrates Berkeley's commitment to the local area."

The focal point of the new village green will be a circular grassed open space surrounded by trees, shrubs and seating areas.

The avenue of trees will lead to the open space, which will include a new community pavilion, marketing suite, natural play area and keep-fit elements including a trim trail.

Holborough Lakes offers a combination of New England-designed one- and two-bedroom apartments and three-, four- and five-bedroom houses.

Designed in a range of pastel-shaded weatherboarding and featuring E balconies or gardens, all of the apartments and houses benefit from a contemporary specification specially designed to add cosmopolitan style while complementing the New England look.

House prices continue to fall as regional gap widens

THE latest report from the Land Registry's House Price Index shows that prices over the last 12 months have fallen by 2.5 per cent, leaving the cost of the average UK property at £161,479.

There was no change from May to June, but there is a wide regional variation, with the South East and London performing best. The only area in the UK to see a rise in house prices over the 12 months is London, which averaged a 0.8 per cent increase in the year to June, 2011.

The North East had the worst figures for the year and the month. The annual decrease in house prices was 7.1 per cent and the monthly fall was 2.1 per cent.

The report reveals that completed house sales in April 2011, the latest month for which data are available, fell by 7 per cent to 48,704 from 52,272 in April 2010.

Nicholas Ayre, director of UK buying agents Home Fusion, said: "There's plenty here for the doomsayers to

get their teeth stuck into. In June the national figure was totally flat, and even in the London bubble, average prices fell for a second month. But just a quick health warning – the data can be fickle. Just as your car's fuel gauge becomes unreliable when the engine's running on empty, so these figures have less value when the number of sales is so low.

"Outside London, demand has fallen off a cliff and, unsurprisingly, so have prices. We're seeing a big divergence between the prime market and the rest. Less fashionable areas appear more of a buyers' market, with a big gap opening between asking and sale prices. And because there is more supply and fewer buyers, those looking to buy can afford to be pickier."

"But for the whole of the country the market is still fragile. With lenders still reluctant to offer mortgages, and many who bought in the boom trapped by negative equity, there's little chance it will perk up any time soon."

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Picanto grows in stature

By Sam Davison

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LOOKING back, the arrival of the original Kia Picanto in 2004 was pivotal for the increasingly confident Korean brand – one of the world's fastest growing.

Not only was the little five-door city car typically good value, but it was also pleasant to drive, seemingly bulletproof and cheap to run. Latterly, it also benefited from Kia's tempting and unique seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

A tough act to follow, then? Not a bit. Kia has pulled off another major advance on what has gone before, in the same way that it did recently with its Sportage and Sorento SUVs.

And where the original Picanto's styling looked lightweight, its replacement benefits from the hand of Peter Schreyer – the genius behind the original Audi TT and now Kia's design guru.

You cannot do much about the small-wheel-at-each-corner format that goes with the tiniest end of the car market, but Schreyer's team has created an imposing yet compact and highly practical five-door design nevertheless.

It boasts impressive cabin space, including excellent head and legroom, despite being just 60mm longer than its predecessor. Three adults can be carried in the back over short journeys, and a long journey certainly wouldn't be hard for two people travelling in the rear.

The boot is also an improvement on the old car, which was one of the smallest in class; the new car marks a 25 per cent improvement to 200 litres. It is still a way behind the Ford Ka and the Picanto's obvious rival and group stablemate, the Hyundai i10, but it's still a useful plus point.

If the previous Picanto had a weakness, it was in the use of durable yet hard plastics; the new car has the look and feel of greater quality, though one of the test car's retractable

KIA PICANTO 1.25 2 ECODYNAMICS: PRICE £10,195 FACT FILE



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Space:	★★★★
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KIA BABY:

The new Picanto is more spacious, looks, feels and drives better than its predecessor and is further proof of the Korean brand's strength in the city-car market

cupholders gave up the ghost with the first press of the button – a rare weakness that Kia will surely put right.

The long wheelbase that contributes to the roominess also delivers an impressive ride for this class and contributes to road manners that better the previous car in all departments.

Not only can it be hurtled about with enthusiasm in its intended urban environment, but also on winding rural roads, and yet it can cruise the motorway with good refinement.

The new line-up (from £7,995) comes with a full complement of safety equipment, including electronic stability control and six airbags and, as ever with Kia, generous standard kit with front electric windows and a height-adjustable driver's seat partnered with tiltable steering wheel. You must trade up to the 'Air' model (£8,595), though, to get air-con as standard.

Seats are firm but comfortable – there were plenty of compliments on that front when I crammed five people in for a 15-minute drive.

Engine choice is limited to two Kappa series petrol units, shared with partner brand Hyundai. They are tried, tested and deliver low emissions and good economy. The three-cylinder 68bhp 1.0-litre entry unit is lively enough (0-60mph in 13.9 seconds) and all versions are road tax-exempt thanks to their low emissions.

They will also average almost 70mpg, which rather makes you wonder why anyone would buy the entry model for the bigger 84bhp 1.25-litre four-cylinder line-up, the 2 EcoDynamics, tested here.

It's nippier (0-60mph in 11 seconds), also road tax-exempt and delivers comparable economy to the 1.0-litre; and it comes with an engine stop-go system to save fuel and emissions in busy traffic. However, it costs £10,195 – some £600 more than a 1.0 of equivalent trim and £2,200 more than the cheapest 1.0.

And Picanto pricing overall will be even keener when a three-door version arrives in the final quarter of this year.

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MINI gets the London look

MINI-dealers are selling a limited-edition Soho version of the hatchback and convertible models in the line-up. The BMW brand is now naming all Mini specials after London locations. Prices for the Soho models start at £16,765 and include exclusive 'White Silver' metallic paint, 17-inch alloys, bi-Xenon headlights and a rather sporty interior.



Focus models Studio looks

ACCESS to the popular five-door Ford Focus will be eased by the new Studio model, on sale in September as the rush for a '61-plate' begins. It becomes the new entry model at £13,995 and comes with 16-inch alloys, rear spoiler, USB connectivity, air-con, electric door mirrors, electronic stability programme, and an 84bhp 1.6-litre petrol engine averaging almost 50mpg.



Spacious new BMW 1-Series

BMW'S second-generation 1-Series hatchback arrives on September 17, with a choice of three diesel and two petrol engines. Prices start at £19,375. The only rear-wheel drive car in its class, it also has BMW's fuel and emissions-saving EfficientDynamics technologies. Larger than its predecessor, a longer wheelbase makes it more spacious and comfortable.

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New Lookers dealership proves real eye-opener

LOOKERS has held an official opening of its all-new Mercedes-Benz and Smart dealership at Maidstone's Motor City site in Park Wood.

The evening ceremony attracted hundreds of customers and well-wishers and included a fashion show, F1 race-simulator and giant Scalextric circuit.

But the real stars were the cars, past and present, from a classic original 1950s 300SL 'gull-wing' sports car – the fastest production car of its day – to its modern-day equivalent, the £184,000 SLS AMG that shares its eye-catching gull-wing-doors format.

It was also a chance to celebrate one of the newest sporting arrivals in the range, the SLK folding hardtop roadster.

The new showroom follows the German marque's imposing steel and glass corporate format and echoes the premium status of its cars, but Keith Jackman, Lookers marketing director for Kent and Sussex, said: "We are keen to dispel the perception that our cars are expensive to buy and run against equivalent Fords, Vauxhalls and Toyotas.

"Many people come into the showroom and see the figures, then say 'I never realised I could afford a Mercedes-Benz'.



BIG LAUNCH: The opening ceremony at the all-new Lookers showroom was well attended

"And if you want really cheap motoring, there is also the Smart. There are 0 per cent finance deals and other incentives at present. You can run a new one for as little as £99 a month and with minimal running costs – the diesel is the most economical production car on UK roads.

"We've also responded to our customers' comments about servicing costs and brought in servicing plans – it can be as little as £22 a month on an A-Class."

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New Registration '61



STUNNING: Order books are open for the three-door coupe version of the Vauxhall Astra, known as the GTC. The Astra range is currently fifth in the UK car-sales top 10 – the GTC's imminent arrival should boost that rating considerably

Incentives served up on a '61 plate

ECONOMIC gloom and doom continues, so it is hardly surprising that new-car sales have been in the doldrums, too.

But there are actually sound reasons for splashing the cash on a new '61-plate motor from September 1st if you are in a steady job.

After all, a new house – the big-ticket item in anyone's budget – is a scary option in such uncertain times, but anyone who has savings earning a pittance might make more of them through driving a hard bargain on a car.

Manufacturers and forecourts are desperate to deal and there is a new realism about list prices anyway as the trade recognises that these fairytale figures deter genuine private buyers, thereby outweighing their intended benefit: to convince fleet buyers of fantastic bulk-buy discounts and to give dealers room to manoeuvre on deals and part-exchanges.

Other incentives in a tough market include superb packages on finance – which banks aren't keen to match – insurance and servicing.

There are also outstanding warranties available, such as Kia's industry-beating seven-year/100,000-mile package, Hyundai's five-year/unlimited-miles deal and Vauxhall's 'lifetime' guarantee on cars up to 100,000 miles.

Servicing deals often cost extra but can be very cost-effective, so ask about those.



EMISSIONS-BUSTER: Kia's classy Ceed family hatchback in eco-friendly Ecodynamics form

Remember, too, that road tax also favours downsizing and changing to a leaner and meaner motor; many small cars and family hatchbacks now qualify for zero road tax in year one and modest charges thereafter.

Diesels have won over many sceptics with their economy and good low-down power delivery – sales of this type rose 7.5 per cent over the first six months of 2011.

But petrol power is fighting back, particularly at the lower end of the market.



ECO-WARRIOR: Honda CR-V – the economical British-built SUV has argued successfully that 4x4s can be green

The fuel itself is set to stay cheaper than diesel simply because oil-refining capacity is geared more to the former.

Petrol engines are also cheaper to buy upfront and lighter, and while they still cannot compete on economy with diesels, it is savings elsewhere that quietly add up: less wear and tear on tyres and front-end mechanicals.

Small and efficient turbocharged petrol units also make a difference in small cars – they are nimbler and nicer to drive.

And petrol engine emissions are being lowered steadily, so their road tax and emissions credentials are far better; average new-car CO₂ emissions overall fell to a record low of 138.9g/km in the second quarter of this year.

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Visit carsforkent.co.uk**BEST IN RED?** But seen increasingly in white – the Alfa Romeo Giulietta sporting five-door**CRUISING IN RED:** The new Chevrolet Cruze hatchback version cuts a dash in vibrant red

Colour: what's hot and what's not

IT'S wise to strike a balance between expressing your personality and exerting practicality in choosing a car colour.

You may want sell on at some stage and, like a hideous 1970s bathroom suite, find that 'Acid Green' or 'Latte Brown' is not quite to everyone's taste.

But playing safe can be a turn-off to would-be buyers, so here is the motor-trade body, the SMMT's league table and some pros and cons:

1 Black (24.7 per cent). The perennial favourite but looks dirty quickly and shows little scratches or the swirling effect from over-use of mechanical car washes.

2 Silver (21.4). Still riding high and it hides scratches and carwash abrasion well but is increasingly seen as the boring or safe option.

3 Blue (16.5). Conservative yet smart, but very dark blue is best avoided.

4 Grey metallic (14.4). More assertive and upmarket than silver?

5 Red (10.2). Had fallen away due to a tendency to turn pinker with age, but better finishes and use on sportier models have helped stabilise figures.

6 White (10). Has shot back up the charts. It is usually a no-cost option, handles wear and tear well and also reflects the heat.

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Buyers find small is beautiful

DOWNSIZING continues to be the UK motor market's buzzword.

Some 20 years ago, the family saloon/company-car sector was dominant, largely thanks to the company-car culture where big and brash was beautiful.

Then came the rise of the family hatchback and supermini; throughout the Nineties and early Noughties they had a ding-dong battle for market leadership.

However, helped by soaring fuel and insurance costs, greater environmental awareness and then by Government legislation via punitive road tax on larger cars, ever-more stylish superminis comprise some 40 per cent of sales if you include the even smaller city-car segment – family hatchbacks had to settle for the No2 spot with about 25 per cent of registrations.

More difficult to quantify, though, is the trend towards 'crossovers' – cars like the Nissan Qashqai, Skoda Yeti and Peugeot 3008.

As the name implies, they straddle several sectors including family hatchback, MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people-carrier and SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle) and are hard to pigeonhole under current classifications.

Many manufacturers have already tried to apply the sexy new crossover label to what would once have been their SUV models – especially as the 4x4/SUV sector



SIZE MATTERS: Family cars no longer dominate the UK sales top 10, especially when superminis like Honda's Swindon-built Jazz have acquired people-carrier flexibility

has declined – and we can expect an industry reappraisal of how classes are defined and counted.

This could then show a burgeoning third sector comprising the new-age crossover designs.

In the meantime, registration figures so far this year from motor-industry mouthpiece, the SMMT, show how superminis (S) and family hatchbacks (H) rule the UK top 10:

1	Ford Fiesta (S)
2	Ford Focus (H)
3	Vauxhall Corsa (S)
4	VW Golf (H)
5	Vauxhall Astra (H)
6	Vauxhall Insignia
7	VW Polo (S)
8	BMW 3-Series
9	Nissan Qashqai
10	Mini (S/H)



COMPACT: Renault's Clio exemplifies the sort of supermini style that is making it easier to downsize



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Of course, anyone spending £50,000-£100,000 on a new motor won't worry about small change like that, but most people like saving a few quid there and through the improved economy of greener cars while, incidentally, doing their bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars may be the answer and there has been much publicity about 'plug-in' models for overnight charging at home or city-centre charging points.

But battery technology has some catching up to do and the zero-emissions argument is misleading. Until we have zero-emission power stations, electric cars simply transfer the CO₂ and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney.

Production of hydrogen to power our cars raises a similar dilemma.

Are hybrids the answer, then? Japanese giants Toyota and Honda lead here, pairing conventional engines with electric power and batteries.

But hybrids are expensive, so the internal combustion 'lump' still has a part to play now that its emissions are plummeting, economy soaring and refinement improving.



BRANDED LEAN AND MEAN: Skoda's Fabia Greenline, above, Vauxhall's Corsa Ecoflex, above right, and Kia's newly-launched Picanto Ecodynamics, right



In fact, things are moving so fast that you marvel at what some legislative prods have achieved.

The downsizing phenomenon is well under way, too, with several new cars proving that 'small is beautiful'.

Most carmakers also now have an 'eco' sub brand such as Vauxhall's Ecoflex, Skoda's Greenline, Hyundai's Blue models and Kia's Ecodynamics range.

But they often don't come cheap, either, so weigh potential long-term savings against upfront cost; if you don't cover the miles, conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

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The range of van capacities has also widened, varying from as little as three cubic metres for a car-derived hatchback used by a courier company or perhaps as a small company's runabout, right up to a 17-cubic-metre delivery van.

Access has improved, too. Many larger vans have low floors in the driving compartment for easy access and most vehicles above the super-mini class now come with at least one sliding door as standard to aid loading – many buyers also take up the option of a second 'slider'.

There is now a choice usually of side-opening twin doors or a high-lift tailgate as well, while cab doors generally have a reduced opening angle, with the double benefit of making it easy for a busy driver to grab the handle to close the door



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Diesel-operating benefits are then compounded by extended service periods, lower maintenance costs and longer-lasting parts.

The engine's partner – the gearbox – has also undergone a change. A six-speed manual gearbox is normally the standard – a couple of cogs

better than only a few years ago – but urban operators are turning increasingly to automatic, semi-automatic or clutchless transmissions.

These can usually be driven with manual selection anyway but are ideal for the stop-start traffic conditions of the town and city and can be as economical as a manual.

Van safety has also improved. Along with various airbags, there are active safety features including anti-lock braking (ABS), traction control (TCS), braking control (EBC) and electronic stability programme (ESP).

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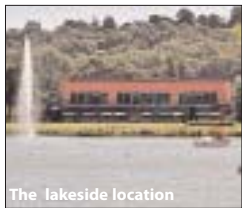
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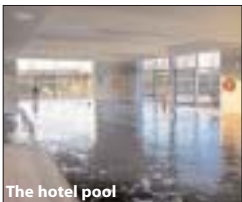
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ATHLETICS

Bosworth in dreamland after record

RACE walker Tom Bosworth admits he is still coming down to earth after setting a new British record at the UK Athletics Championships.

Bosworth, from Sevenoaks, clocked 19:29.87 in the men's five-kilometre walk at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham last Sunday, shaving more than five seconds off the previous record.

Darrell Stone's time of 19:35.0 had stood for 22 years but Bosworth, a member of Tonbridge Athletic Club, turned in the performance of his life at the event which doubled up as trials for the World Championships.

Having surged into a clear lead at the 1km mark, he held his nerve not only to win Sunday's race, but to write himself into the history books of British athletics.

"I think it's just about sinking in," he said. "To be honest, I knew I could go close to a good time but to break the record, that wasn't on the cards at all. I wasn't targeting it, I wanted to go under 20 minutes and that would have been one of the fastest times in a long time.

"In the first kilometre, we went out a little bit too fast in hindsight and there were two other boys with me. I thought they'd stay with me a little bit longer, but they dropped off and after the first kilometre, it was a bit of a time trial to see if I could keep the pace going."

Few could have anticipated Bosworth's extraordinary performance and the 21-year-old admitted even he had been pleasantly surprised by his record-breaking walk.

After representing England at last year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi, Bosworth flew to Australia, but his winter schedule was hampered by illness and then torn knee ligaments.

"This season's been up and down, all through the spring and I couldn't finish a race until May," he explained. "Now things have got better and I'm getting personal bests. I was just waiting for a really fast race, hoping for something a bit more special this season.

"[The record] means just as much as getting a Commonwealth place. I'm up there now with other British record holders and there's not many people who can say that.

"It's given me huge confidence. It shows you can do anything if you train hard, and if you want it enough, you will achieve."

CRICKET

West Indian influence rubbing off on future Kent ace Bell-Drummond

By Glenn Pearson

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WITH role models like Brian Lara and Chris Gayle to look up to, it's perhaps not surprising that there's a touch of the Caribbean to Kent's latest batting prodigy.

Daniel Bell-Drummond, a former Millfield School pupil, showed why Kent's coaching staff rate him so highly with a spirited knock of 42 in just 30 balls on his senior debut against Worcestershire last weekend.

It's unlikely to be the last time the opening batsman, who only turned 18 on Thursday, features this summer following a string of impressive displays for the second-team and England under-19s.

Described by a member of Kent's coaching staff as "the real deal", Bell-Drummond has progressed through the county's youth system since being spotted as a seven-year-old. He scored his first hundred for the under-10 side, aged just seven, and has recorded centuries at every level along the way.

While displaying an air of confidence with the bat and a range of strokes to go with it, the teenage right-hander is very different off the pitch.

He's a well-grounded young cricketer who credits his parents, Percy and Maisie, as the biggest influences in his life and his fledgling career to date. Their love for the game has trickled down to their son, who soon found himself torn between the West Indies and England.

"My mum and dad are both Jamaican and they love cricket," Bell-Drummond said. "I grew up watching England and the West Indies on the TV and my parents were definitely big influences on me growing up and in my cricket career so far.

"I used to have a split allegiance between the two countries, but common sense took over. I was born in England and have grown up in England and have represented my country at junior level.

"Watching the likes of Brian Lara and Jimmy Adams were players I looked up to and now it's Chris Gayle. Getting involved with Kent and England, Kevin Pietersen and Marcus Trescothick are role models for me.

"I liked Lara's consistency and I like the way players like Pietersen can score runs on the big day and big occasions. They step up and own the atmosphere – they take the game to the opposition rather than being dictated to and that's what I like about them.

"At a young age I was small and so was therefore quite defensive. My dad would always say 'keep it on the ground' and I wouldn't get out, I'd just bat for ages, blocking it and blocking it.

"More recently I've grown a bit bigger and I'm able to hit the ball a bit further and am now trying to play more like these players, I guess."

Bell-Drummond was named Kent's Academy scholar of the year last summer, which was quickly followed by a three-year professional deal at Kent.

The Lewisham-born batsman, who also bowls handy right-arm seamers but is taking a break from bowling as a result of an ankle injury, spent the winter in Sri Lanka with the England under-19s, which proved to be an important trip for the teenager.

"I found Sri Lanka quite hard and I struggled a bit," he explained. "The wickets were tough and I had problems with my technique as I was in the transition stage, messing around with stuff and that was just the wrong situation. It was a good learning curve for me as it showed what I needed to work on and to do to perform this summer."

It was with the England under-19s, during their series against South Africa that took in two games at St Lawrence last week, that Bell-Drummond learned he would be making his Kent debut at New Road.

He didn't disappoint by helping Kent to an 86-



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TALENT: Kent's Daniel Bell-Drummond

run win, but the youngster admits to feeling a little nervous being amongst Kent's senior pros.

"I used to watch cricket a lot growing up and saw Geraint Jones, an Ashes hero, and now suddenly I am sitting with him in the changing room," he said. "It's brilliant to be around them. I've found it a real help learning off them."

ATHLETICS

Lisa tells of relief at passing World trials

THE World Athletics Championships await Lisa Dobriskey later this month following a trouble-free performance at the national trials last weekend.

A second-place finish in the 1500 metres was enough for the 27-year-old book a seat on the plane to the championships in Daegu, Korea.

Having already run inside the qualifying time, the Ashford athlete knew a place in the top two in Birmingham would automatically guarantee her a slot.

It was never in doubt for the former Commonwealth champion, who finished almost five seconds clear of Barbara Parker in third place.

Dobriskey, hampered by back problems earlier in the summer, was delighted to get through, even if Hannah Eng-

land took the national title.

She said: "It's been another difficult start but I felt as though the trials were much better and I viewed it as the true start to my season.

"Overall I was happy with the performance, it's always great to win, but I felt I tried something a little different and I wasn't quite strong enough to beat Hannah.

"It was a relief just to meet the selectors' criteria and automatically qualify. It's been much harder the past two years where I've found myself fighting for the final spot on the team."

Dobriskey's final race before heading to the Far East was on Saturday in front of a home crowd at Crystal Palace. The Diamond League event attracted a world-class field so repre-



Picture: ADY KERRY

sented a useful dress rehearsal for Dobriskey, who is yet to find her best form this year.

A season's best of 4:04.76 is some five seconds slower than her personal best.

It was set two years ago, in a memorable summer which culminated in a silver medal at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin – the pinnacle of her career so far.

No-one in the women's 1500m has run under four minutes this year, so if Dobriskey can get somewhere near her best she would be in with an excellent chance of claiming another podium finish.

The heats for the 1500m begin on August 28, followed by the semi-finals two days later. The final is on Thursday, September 1.

JOB DONE: Kent's Lisa Dobriskey safely came through trials to claim a place in the British team for the World Championships

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KICK-OFF:

Dover (far left) are one of five Kent teams hoping to follow Ebbsfleet (left) into Conference Premier this season

County sides ready for battle

STEVE TERVET assesses the strength of Kent's Conference clubs

A NEW season of Conference football is now only a week away and the county's top non-league clubs are all gearing up for another nine months of exhilarating highs and crushing lows.

Kent's six representatives have all been busy during the close-season and each will be eager to make a fast start to the new campaign.

Last season saw each of the sextet run intriguing races, with Ebbsfleet United and Tonbridge Angels promoted via the play-offs from Conference South and the Ryman Premier Division respectively.

Dover Athletic and Welling United were involved in the promotion race before falling in the final weeks of the season, while newly-promoted Dartford eventually leapfrogged above early-season leaders Bromley.

CONFERENCE PREMIER EBBSFLEET UNITED

Liam Daish rightly earned the plaudits for leading his side back to non-league's top division at the

first attempt via the play-offs last season. Having been forced into the unwanted habit of annually rebuilding his squad, Daish was this year able to re-sign the vast majority of his players, with only Ashley Carew – now at Cambridge United – turning down a new deal at Stonebridge Road.

Last season's dramatic FA Cup tie against AFC Wimbledon proved the Fleet can scrap with the division's top sides but the issue of squad depth concerns Daish. A rash of pre-season injuries highlighted Ebbsfleet's fragility, but with a handful of late summer additions, they should be sufficiently equipped to stay up.

CONFERENCE SOUTH DARTFORD

A strong finish to the last campaign and a summer of astute business by manager Tony Burman should ensure the Darts kick on again this term rather than suffering 'difficult second season syndrome'. Burman shrugged off early criticism by leading his side to a

mid-table finish before promptly securing all of his key players for a second crack at Conference South.

The Darts boss did his transfer business early and without fuss, with the capture of midfielder Jon Wallis from Dover Athletic a particularly shrewd move. A play-off place is within their reach.

DOVER ATHLETIC

Much will be expected of the Whites this term after falling short of the play-offs in Martin Hayes's first season in charge. Top scorer Adam Birchall was among a trio of key players to join Gillingham and Hayes moved to fill his sizeable boots by bringing George Purcell and Billy Bricknell to Crabble.

Among the bookies' favourites to lift the title, Dover will need their large contingent of new faces to gel quickly.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Playing Conference football for the first time after their dramatic play-off win back in May, the An-

gels will be up against it if they are to preserve their new-found status.

Jon Main, hailed as a returning hero after moving back to Longmead from AFC Wimbledon, will carry the goal-scoring burden.

Should Tommy Warrilow's side struggle early on, the Tonbridge boss would do well to note the examples of Dartford and Boreham Wood, slow starters immediately after promotion, but now established in the division.

Whether Jamie Day's WELLING UNITED over-achieved or were unlucky not to finish in the top-five last season is up for debate, but they will certainly be hard-pushed to go as well again.

Jack Parkinson, Loick Pires and Jack Obersteller all remain at Park View Road after unsuccessful trials with Football League clubs.

Mark Goldberg is back in charge at BROMLEY, who would settle for a solid campaign after the turbulence of last season when they plummeted from top-spot into lower mid-table after New Year.

TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

'New layout test on series return'

SEVEN weeks since Mat Jackson won race three for Airwaves Racing at Croft, the British Touring Car Championship returns at Snetterton this weekend.

It's a new layout this year, the Snetterton 300 circuit, so a lot of the drivers won't have raced on it, although many will have tested on it. The lap is a lot longer, more technical and potentially quite narrow for side-by-side touring car racing on the new section, with a couple more overtaking points. Being longer, it means there will only be 12 laps per race, but there could be more overtaking and more action.

The circuit used to be a power circuit with two long straights and not a lot in between, but I think it could now give the Chevrolets more of a chance than they had last year. I bet Jason Plato, who's down in sixth place, can't wait to get back out there.

By their nature, drivers don't like change but I think they'll enjoy this challenge in terms of finding the quickest way round and the technical challenge of getting the best out of the car. The drivers will pick up on the circuit pretty quickly, but the data from previous years is irrelevant now and there's more of an onus on the teams to find the set-up quickly.

Matt Neal continues to lead the way for Honda, albeit by just nine points from Jackson. He's reaping the rewards for doing a good job across the board; the team, the driver, everything. He should be further in front but everyone can look back on races where they should have done better. Think back to the race at Oulton Park, where he and Gordon Shedden were leading the race before they crashed into each other on the final corner. It's too early to say whether that will ultimately be decisive, but championships have been won by less points than he lost there.

The drivers will be gagging to get going again and I can't wait to see what's changed, who's hot and who's not, and who gets on top of the circuit quickly.

One fresh face to look out for at Snetterton is the new driver at AmD Milltek, Martin Byford, who takes over from Shaun Hollamby as the permanent replacement for Tom Onslow-Cole. Martin's a former Clio Cup champion but he's got to learn how to race in touring cars. There have been some very good drivers in the past who have found it difficult to adapt to the idiosyncrasies of touring car racing.

MOTORSPORT

Golden boy Doran realises his dream at prestigious X Games

LIAM Doran announced his arrival on the World Rallycross scene in fine style last weekend as he beat the legendary Marcus Gronholm to claim a gold medal at the X Games in Los Angeles.

The 24-year-old from Sittingbourne is in only his second season as a professional driver, but he belied his inexperience with a series of storming drives to outshine a host of more established drivers.

Doran travelled to the event as a dark horse and his odds lengthened further when he hit a barrier in timed practice, qualifying down in 12th place.

Victory over Robbie Maddison set up a semi-final against Tanner Foust – the leader of the European Rallycross Championship (ERC) and favourite to claim gold in front of his home crowd.

However, Doran came out on top and then produced two composed drives to see off Gron-

holm, the ex-World Rally champion, in the best-of-three final. Doran's season started in dramatic fashion when he was involved in a shocking accident at his home circuit, Lydden Hill, in April.

His Citroen C4 barrel-rolled eight times, but he walked away with only minor injuries.

However, things have not gone entirely to plan since the crash and Doran lies sixth in the ERC standings after five rounds. With X Games gold now glittering on his CV, though, he hopes to turn a magical weekend on the American west coast into a memorable season closer to home.

He said: "I've had a few setbacks in European Rallycross so far this season but this result proves that I'm the one they all have to beat."

"I have dreamt of this moment since I started racing and X Games was always a goal for me. I will now return to European Rallycross with a different attitude, a winning attitude."



NUMBER ONE: Liam Doran with his gold medal

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BRITISH SUPERBIKES

Home-grown stars battle for supremacy at Brands

By David Pritchard

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MORE than 50,000 spectators are expected at Brands Hatch this weekend as two Kent riders battle at the front end of the British Superbike Championship field.

The Kent circuit plays host to a triple header, with the first race on Saturday and two more on Sunday as the title race heats up.

There is an excellent chance the packed grandstands will cheer a local winner, with two of the championship's top three hailing from the county.

Sheppey's Shane Byrne leads the standings after the first 13 races of the season and will be hoping to add to his three wins this weekend.

The HM Plant Honda rider came first and third in the two races on the Indy circuit in April, but the 34-year-old is keen to get his teeth into the 2.6-mile Grand Prix layout this weekend.

"I can't wait to get back out there on the long circuit at Brands, it's probably one of my favourites in the world," he said. "Being a Kent boy as well it's my local track, so I always look forward to it."

"I don't think it gives me any extra advantage though. Everyone thinks as it's my home track there's something to be gained, but anyone who has ridden in the British Championship as long as me will have ridden it the same amount of times."

One of Byrne's main rivals this weekend will be Beckenham's Tommy Hill. No-one has won more races than the Swan Yamaha rider this season, who is only third in the standings due to an injury which saw him miss two races earlier in the season.

Despite trailing Byrne by 49 points, he is still well in the battle for the title, which is calculated along unorthodox lines. After the following round at Cadwell Park later this month the top six riders will all be moved up to 500 points, with bonuses for the podiums achieved in the opening nine rounds.

As it stands Byrne and Hill have 16 podium credits each, one ahead of American John Hopkins, so competition at the front end is intense.

The 26-year-old won the previous round at Oulton Park last month and could be the man to beat again.

Hill said: "I think we are all raring to go now after having the second race at Oulton



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CONTENDERS: Tommy Hill (left) heads to Brands Hatch in great form and will be hoping to pressurise Shane Byrne (above) as the title battle intensifies

Park postponed due to the weather so we want to get back out even more.

"We need to push hard and we need three good races; we won on the Indy circuit earlier in the year so I won't be aiming for

anything less." There will be an added layer of unpredictability in the field with the addition of the Kawasaki World Superbike team for the weekend.

Australian Broc Parkes, a contender for the World Supersport crown, is taking the place of the injured Tom Sykes and will be partnered by Spanish rider Joan Lascorz.

BOXING

Injured Webb itching for comeback fight this year

SAM Webb expects to fight again before the end of the year and is eager to re-establish himself as one of Europe's best light-middleweights when he returns from injury.

The 30-year-old, from Chislehurst, lost his British title to Prince Arron at Medway Park in May, suffering a perforated eardrum in the process.

Doctors have warned Webb not to start sparring for at least another two weeks, although he admitted he is itching to get back in the ring after the disappointment of the dramatic Arron defeat.

"I've still got a slight perforation there so I can't do any sparring for another two or three weeks," he said. "It's a little bit frustrating because I want to get back into it, but it's better to be safe than sorry."

"Hopefully I'll fight again in the next 12 to 15 weeks with a bit of luck, but we'll have to wait and see."

A rematch against Arron



RETURN?: Sam Webb (left)

looks unlikely but Webb, now 15th in the European light-middleweight rankings, fancies a crack at unbeaten Belarusian Sergey Rabchenko, who has mooted the idea of fighting the Kent man at some stage.

"If the money was right, I'd look at it," he said. "I'm still highly-ranked in Europe so it's not like the fight couldn't be made. I'd be more than happy to take it and Arron has turned down a European title fight."

HOCKEY

England hockey star has high expectations on England return

RETURNING to the England scene just in time for the EuroHockey Nations Championship after a long lay off is not enough for a determined Ashley Jackson.

The 23-year-old has spent eight months out recovering from a pelvic injury. While able to continue gym work for most of this year, he could not take part in any hockey training with his team-mates until last month.

It came early enough for the former World Young Player of the Year, who was born in Chatham and played junior hockey for Tunbridge Wells, to be included in Jason Lee's 18-man squad for the tournament in Germany, which starts next weekend.

Jackson played a key role in helping England win the European title in 2009 and wants to do far more than simply make up the numbers this year.

He said: "I wouldn't just be happy to be back, if I played badly at the Europeans it wouldn't be enjoyable or useful for anyone."

"Obviously I want to be back and as good as I was, then push on and be better. Although I'm happy to be back – that's not it."

It is unclear how large a part Jackson will be able to play in England's defence. He has been gradually reintroduced into the set-up over the last fortnight, steadily building up minutes on the pitch so he could start in a warm-up match against Germany on Tuesday, which England lost 4-2.

England will be hoping one of their star players comes back without any problems.

They begin against Ireland on August 21 in a pool which also includes France and the Netherlands.



BACK: Ashley Jackson will help defend England's European title

Jackson, who has scored 57 goals in 105 internationals, expects England to figure prominently once again as they build towards the London Olympics in 12 months' time.

He said: "We'll be one of the favourites going into it. We're the holders and every other

team will be naming us as one of the threats."

"It brings pressure but that's come because we've performed well over the last two or three years. It's not just people plucking our name out of the hat, it's because we've earned that right."

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GILLINGHAM



Picture: ADY KERRY

FOCUS: Gills chairman Paul Scally (right) is not looking for backers until the club is successful and rejected worries about buying Priestfield

Gillingham's League Two status deters investment

By David Pritchard

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THE prospect of any new investment into Gillingham looks remote as long as the club are languishing in the Football League's bottom tier.

Andy Hessenthaler's side began their second successive campaign in League Two at home to Cheltenham Town yesterday.

Promotion back into the third tier is the aim for everyone at Priestfield and appears to be imperative if the club, who reported losses of

£463,000 in their most recent accounts in May 2010, are to become an attractive proposition to investors.

Chairman Paul Scally, who moved to Dubai in 2008 partly to help his search for backers, admitted this week that under the existing circumstances there was little chance of any new cash injections from outside parties.

"I'm not really looking for external investment, just getting on with running the team and getting the club together," he said. "I think people like to be involved with success, so

we need to get successful again and things will follow on like day follows night really."

Scally also dismissed any concerns supporters had over the proposed deal for the club to buy back Priestfield. The ground was sold for £10 million to a separate company owned by Scally in 2008, but a motion in Friday's Annual General Meeting laid out plans to buy it back for just £1.05m.

The move has been met with widespread confusion over how the value could have plummeted in three years, but Scally was bemused with the reaction.

He said: "I think it would be quite extraordinary that anyone would be puzzled about it, to get a stadium back in a football club that you weren't happy when it wasn't in a football club can only be a benefit."

"It's irrelevant how I've done it, the fact is that's the outcome so that's what people have to focus on."

"If someone's got a problem with that I would be astonished, they should only be worried about the stadium coming back in, nothing else because that's all that concerns them."

TRANSFER TALK...

THERE is less than a week to go until the start of the season for the county's Conference and Kent League clubs and many have been busy making last-minute additions to their squads.

Dover Athletic continue to expand, with Martin Hayes making **Steven Watt** his 10th new signing of the summer. The 26-year-old centre-back has a decent pedigree, making two appearances for Chelsea's first-team during Jose Mourinho's time in charge. Spells north of the border with Inverness and Ross County followed and he spent last season in the Conference Premier with Grimsby Town.

Welling United have also added a player who plied his trade in the division above last season, bringing in ex-Histon striker **Zac Attwood**. Jamie Day has also offered a deal to **Steve Camacho** after a successful trial.

Margate's busy summer continues, with former **Faversham Town** duo **Richard Avery** and **Simon Overland** putting pen to paper at Hartsdown Park. **Liam Friend** will not be joining despite spending pre-season with the Blues after the club failed to come to an agreement with parent club **Folkestone**

Invicta over a fee.

Across Thanet there has also been activity at **Ramsgate**, with striker **Joseph Afusi** joining following an unsuccessful trial with Gillingham.

Sittingbourne boss Richard Brady has finally signed a goalkeeper, with the lure of regular football enough for **Ben Humphrey** to drop two divisions after spending last season as Dover Athletic's third choice stopper.

Whitstable Town, who were given Tuesday night off to recover from four pre-season games in eight days, have finalised a move for midfielder **James Morrish**, who played for AFC Hornchurch in the Ryman Premier last season.

Chatham Town are waiting to hear back from **Joe Fuller** on whether he will return this season. The striker played for Kevin Watson's side against Maidstone in midweek, but is considering an offer from a higher ranked club.

Kent League title contenders **Herne Bay** have completed their business for the summer. **Brad Ashmore**, brother of Bay defender Toby, has joined from Deal Town to put pressure on Winch's Field number one, Dan Eason.

Elsewhere in the division, **Sevenoaks Town** have added two more defenders to their squad. **Aiden Sherlock**, who has had spells at Ebbsfleet United and Maidstone United, and **Dan Langiano**, formerly of Margate, have both arrived at Greatness Park to boost Darren Anslow's options.

GILLINGHAM

Birchall to meet knee injury head-on

PSYCHOLOGY will play a big role in ensuring Adam Birchall recovers fully from the knee injury which will rule him out for most of Gillingham's season.

The 26-year-old went under the knife last month to repair a cruciate ligament damaged in a pre-season friendly. Despite a successful operation there are doubts over whether the new signing will make his debut for the club this season.

Months of rehabilitation in the gym awaits the striker, but as well as tackling the physical injury, Birchall is keen to embrace the mental aspects of a long-term injury.

"There's no point just getting my body ready, I've got to believe in my knee as well and when I get back I've got to believe it will be as good as new," he said.

"We've got a great sports psychologist here at Gills [Ashley Lawrence], I've been talking to him a lot already. He's been on the phone to me constantly, reassuring me about the op. Psychology has been a massive part of my career since going to Dover, just reinventing myself and starting to believe again. I've used a bit of hypnosis and classes you can download from the internet, but to actually work with someone like Ash face-to-face can only be better."

"I love watching things like Wimbledon because you can see how much that mental strength counts. It's the same in any sport, if you go on that pitch believing you're not going to have a good game it will happen. If you believe you'll have a good game you will, it's

not about tricking your mind but it's programming it to work in a set way and not allowing negative thoughts in."

The summer signing from Dover is also keen to spend as much time as he can with his new team-mates to help where he can this season.

He said: "Now I have to concentrate on being around my team, I'm going to be there all the time and want to help them in any way I can and be a part of it. I was desperate to sign here and I'm so grateful to be here."

Birchall has been overwhelmed by the response from supporters since his injury.

They have not just flooded in from Gillingham fans, but also from across Kent and even from followers of Swindon Town and AFC Wimbledon, the

clubs Birchall turned down to join the Priestfield side.

While remaining surprisingly upbeat for the moment, the former Arsenal trainee knows there will be tough times before he is able to return. Mindful of that fact, he is grateful to the offers of support from people like Simon King, the Gills defender who spent more than 18 months out injured with an ankle problem.

Birchall said: "Right now I'm positive but a few months down the road it could start getting tricky and that's where people like Simon and his experience of going through everything can help. He's such a top guy as well, I've known him from way back at Barnet."

"Experience helps you in life so the more you can have around the better you'll be."



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